ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1939

THE WHITTIER PRESS, PRINTERS
AMESBURY, MASS.
1940

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1939

THE WHITTIER PRESS, PRINTERS
AMESBURY, MASS.
1940

Directory of

TOWN OFFICERS

1939

ELECTED OFFICERS

Moderator

Clifford R. Howe

Selectmen

Frederick A. Small Fred T. Hopkinson Richard E. Sargent

Board of Public Welfare

Hazen M. Emery Ellen M. Wallace Fred T. Hopkinson

Assessors

George B. Crofut.....Term expires 1941
Clifford R. Howe.....Term expires 1942
Roscoe Child.....Term expires 1940

Town Clerk

C. Howard Phillips

Tax Collector

Fred C. Twombly

Town Treasurer

Roy C. Journeay

Municipal Light Commissioners

George F. Wilde.....Term expires 1941
John Marshall.....Term expires 1940
Irvine G. Burbeck.....Term expires 1942

Board of Water Commissioners

George F. Wilde.....Term expires 1941
Charles A. Lancaster.....Term expires 1942
John Marshall.....Term expires 1940

School Committee

Howard DeLong.....Term expires 1941
Annie L. Tucker.....Term expires 1942
Willard T. Kelly.....Term expires 1940

Trustees of Cemeteries

Charles A. Lancaster.....Term expires 1941
Wilbur W. Colby.....Term expires 1940
Richard A. Sargent.....Term expires 1942

Trustees of Public Library

Minnie S. Hale.....Term expires 1941
Ethel B. Whiting.....Term expires 1941
Alvin F. Heath.....Term expires 1940
John B. Judkins.....Term expires 1940
Abbie W. Sargent.....Term expires 1942
Grace F. Gibbs.....Term expires 1942

Trustees of Kimball Park

John W. Kirkpatrick.....Term expires 1941
Alden B. Morse.....Term expires 1940
Herman F. Davis.....Term expires 1942

Playground Commissioners

Kenneth G. Fowle Burton C. Lafaver Willard T. Kelly
Isaiah S. McClure Harvey A. Miner

Constables

James P. Donahue Leon L. Dow George W. Goldsmith

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

Ralph L. Buzzelle George R. Hoyt Edson C. Walker

Tree Warden

Samuel C. Doust

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Chief of Police

James P. Donahue

Night Watchman

Leon L. Dow

Special Police

George W. Goldsmith
Clarence O. Libby
Leon E. Dow, Jr.
Harold M. Waterhouse
Alexander M. Sullivan
George R. Buzzell
Edward J. O'Keefe
Obed O. Skillings
Clayton Turner
Oran W. Burke

Sworn Weighers

George L. Sargent
Byron H. Sargent
Charles A. Follansbee
Ralph L. Buzzelle
Benjamin F. Stewart
Walter P. Stillings

Town Accountant

W. Harold Whiting

Fence Viewers

Russell B. Kelly
E. Palmer Sargent

Public Health Nurse

Jean K. Badashaw

Dog Officer

Kenneth E. Haskell

Engineers of Fire Department

Aaron A. Hume
Fred O. Bailey
J. Arthur Ollis

Inspector of Milk, Slaughter and Animals

Fred H. G. Chase

Inspector of Wires

Irvine G. Burbeck

Sealer of Weights and Measures

George R. Hoyt

Moth Superintendent

Samuel C. Doust

Forest Fire Warden

Aaron A. Hume

Burial Agent

James S. Schiavoni

Superintendent of Streets

Aaron A. Hume

Town Forest Committee

James T. Colgan.....Term expires 1941
Frank N. Rand.....Term expires 1940
Samuel C. Doust.....Term expires 1942

Registrars of Voters

George W. Berry
Isaac A. Williams
A. Lawton Crane
C. Howard Phillips

Janitor Town Hall

Andrew O. Nicol

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In compliance with Chapter 40, Section 49, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac herewith submits its annual report.

The Board of Selectmen organized with Frederick A. Small, Chairman; Fred T. Hopkinson, Clerk; and Richard E. Sargent as the third member. The Board organized as a Board of Health and Soldiers' Relief Commission with the same officers and members. Fred T. Hopkinson was appointed Co-ordinator of W.P.A. or other Federal or State relief projects for the term of one year.

The Board of Selectmen working jointly with the Town Treasurer in accordance with Article 12 of the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting of March 6, 1939 has sold at public auction various properties taken under Tax Title procedure, thereby realizing for the Town immediate cash benefits and returning these properties to a taxable status. This revenue will result in a decreased outstanding Tax Title loan. During 1940 further sales should entail continued reductions.

The Selectmen and Playground Commission received State and Federal approval of a W.P.A. project to improve the Locust Street Grounds. The project provides for a graded and drained athletic field suitable for baseball, football and track; three tennis courts; and a graveled parking area. The Board has been notified by the Federal Security Agency for National Youth Administration that it is possible to obtain N.Y.A. funds for the employment of young men who may be assigned to several positions involving the duties concerned with maintenance of the grounds and equipment. Conferences with W.P.A. officials relative to the possibility of utilizing available lumber and materials for the erection of bleachers and a field house indicate that such construction may be accomplished with a

cost to the town far less than the customary contribution mandated under W.P.A.

As a result of a conference on highways, it seems probable that the County will match the contributions of the Town and State in Chapter 90 construction. Obviously the Town may benefit by either reducing expenditures or extending its highway program.

The State and Federal Government are extending a proposition to Massachusetts towns in way of a blanket W.P.A. project covering certain aspects of Chapter 81 highway construction and repair. The project is co-sponsored by the Town and State, the State thereby assuming a proportionate part of the financial obligation which has heretofore been the Town's alone. The Board has voted to avail the Town of this opportunity to cut costs.

More roads were oiled this year than previously. Additional graveled roads were sealed to secure the road beds against washouts and the ravages of winter. The Board commends Street Superintendent Aaron A. Hume for the efficient manner in which he has conducted his Department.

The Town has borrowed at an interest rate lower than any rate previously recorded; namely, as low as twenty six one hundredth of one percent.

The Board of Selectmen has represented the Town at various hearings and conferences which have pertained to Town affairs. The Board's objection to a proposed increased in rates by the Haverhill Gas Company affecting the small consumer in Merrimac has been registered with the Massachusetts Public Utilities Commission.

The Town is indeed fortunate in the fact it retains the services of W. Harold Whiting as Town Accountant. Mr. Whiting has given unsparingly of time and effort and has greatly facilitated the year's work.

The Board appreciates the kindly co-operation of Departments and the splendid spirit of helpfulness ever apparent on the

part of the Citizens of Merrimac; invaluable aids, both, in the efficient functioning of town government.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. SMALL,
FRED T. HOPKINSON,
RICHARD E. SARGENT,

Selectmen of Merrimac.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MERRIMAC BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, 1939

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The three members elected to the Board of Public Welfare met on March 8, 1939 and organized with Hazen M. Emery, Chairman, Mrs. Ellen M. Wallace, Clerk and Fred T. Hopkinson as the third member.

Mrs. Ellen M. Wallace was designated as the Local W.P.A. Certifying Agent and Hazen M. Emery was designated Local Certifying Agent for the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Having in mind that business conditions in Merrimac and its surrounding localities were by no means better than they had been in previous years, we set out to provide adequately for those deserving citizens who through no fault of their own are obliged to call on the town for assistance and at the same time keep within our appropriation.

During the first six months of the year the welfare costs were reduced very satisfactorily until the W.P.A. started to enforce the so called Furlough Plan. This immediately raised the expense of our department until at the end of the year we had taken on thirty-four of these cases which represented a total of one hundred and twelve persons, assistance varying from one month to five months. This, together with the fact that at

no time during the year 1939 were their any where near as many men working on the W.P.A. as in 1938 gave the Board added problems to solve. From these figures it can readily be seen that the tax rate in Merrimac would be greatly increased if it were not for W.P.A. or some other form of Federal Relief.

Another contributing factor to the welfare of the citizens of the Town of Merrimac, sponsored by the Board of Public Welfare is the Merrimac Commodity Distribution Office of Federal Foods and Clothing. Very capably taken care of by J. Duncan How, Supervisor, and Wendell T. Harvey, Clerk of Stock, this agency of the Federal Government alone has contributed $12,220.91 in food stuffs, $4,165.70 in clothing, (W.P.A.), $819.75 in Federal Clothing and $1,745.88 in salaries.

The Civilian Conservation Corps has also helped materially during the year 1939. A total of ten new boys have been accepted and as each boy is required to make an allotment to his parents of twenty-two dollars per month, these families were aided materially from this source.

The W.P.A. Sewing Unit is still in operation although it looked at one time as though it would have to be closed as only one woman was working. At the present time there are 13 women employed, and the Board feels that it is still a profitable project in comparison to the welfare cost of this number of recipients.

The total number of cases for 1939 receiving aid from this Department were one hundred and nineteen representing three hundred and sixty-one persons. Divided as follows:

Merrimac cases, 79 for a total of $11,483.91.

Merrimac cases paid by outside cities and towns 10, for a total of $1,990.91 which makes a total of $13,474.82 for 89 cases. Mothers' Aid Cases 10 for a total of $1,902.33. State Cases 21 for a total of $6,538.85. Outside cities and towns 9 for a total of $1,690.01 which makes $8,228.86. This amount spent on State Cases and on Outside Cities and Towns is appropriated by the Town of Merrimac and for which no credit is given the local Welfare Board as all reimbursements, from these sources are returned to Estimated Receipts and cannot be used over again

by the Welfare Board. If some law could be enacted whereby these funds could be returned to the Welfare Appropriation for reuse less money would have to be appropriated when figuring the Annual Budget.

We feel that the Board this year has investigated all cases, to the best of its ability and regret that in some cases aid had to be refused, but in such cases investigation showed that under the law aid could not be provided.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all those who have co-operated with us during the year, especially W. Harold Whiting, Town Accountant, James P. Donahue, Chief of Police and Local, State and Federal W.P.A. officials who have been very helpful in our investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN M. EMERY,
ELLEN N. WALLACE,
FRED T. HOPKINSON,

Merrimac Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF MERRIMAC BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In accordance with a vote of the Town designating two members of the Merrimac Public Welfare Board as members of the Old Age Assistance Bureau, those thus elected met and organized for the year as follows: Fred T. Hopkinson, chairman; Hazen M. Emery, clerk and John K. Sargent as the third member.

On January 2, 1939 there were 116 persons receiving Old Age Assistance; 23 new and re-opened cases were granted during the year and 16 were closed either by death, request or change of residence. Thus a total of 123 persons' names were recorded on the town's Old Age Assistance Register as of December 31, 1939.

The total amount of money expended in Merrimac for 1939 was $43,843.46 of which the Federal Government will reimburse the town to the amount of 50% and the State 66 ⅔% of the balance.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED T. HOPKINSON, *Chairman,*
HAZEN M. EMERY,
JOHN K. SARGENT,

Merrimac Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF CO-ORDINATOR OF RELIEF PROJECTS

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

At the Annual Town Meeting on March 7, 1939, the Selectmen were authorized, this fourth consecutive year, to appoint a co-ordinator of W.P.A. or other Federal and State Relief projects and I, Fred T. Hopkinson, appointed the recipient, do hereby report the number of relief projects of Federal and States, sanctioned by the Selectmen, and the number of unemployed benefited in this town.

It will not be necessary to inform you again of the object and purpose of this relief since your previous town reports and your newspapers have reiterated these facts many times. I shall endeavor to make this as brief as possible thereby eliminating unnecessary cost.

This year our relief situation has been particularly difficult due to the fact that the Federal government required a lay-off of all workers who had served 18 months. These men and women, whose wages on the W.P.A. Projects are small, had great difficulty in meeting their material needs at this time. And because many of the officials of Salem and Boston had also been replaced and the quota reduced, the recording and transferring of those

to be reinstated was retarded and great difficulty arose in getting slips to those people who so urgently needed to be reinstated. I made trips to Salem and Boston endeavoring to do all in my power to expedite these replacements since many of these people were obliged to ask for relief.

The following are facts, pertaining to the completed, active and contemplated projects for the town of Merrimac:

Presidential Approved Projects Available for 1940

Project No. 32—Approved August 25, 1938.
Repairs and painting school houses. 17 men, 2 months. Federal funds $2,622.40. Start withheld until 1940 by Joseph P. Green, Office Engineer.

Project No. 33—Approved August 24, 1938.
Farm to Market Roads. 78 Men, 10 months.
Balance of Federal Funds available for 1940, $29,997.53.

Project No. 40—Approved September 15, 1939.
"Tennis Court and Baseball Field." 50 men, 4 months. Federal Funds, $12,022.00.

Project No. 41—Approved November 2, 1939.
Gypsy Moth Control. 31 men, 5 months.
Balance of Federal funds available, $12,896.00.

Project No. 42—Approved January 10, 1940.
"Church St., Water Main Extension," 44 men, 1 month. Balance fo Federal funds available, $2,534.00.

Sewing Project—Approved April 27, 1939.
13 women, 12 months.
Federal funds, $9,988.00.

Projects Completed in 1939

Project No. 34—Approved January 10, 1939.
Improving Pleasant, Water and Merrimac Streets.

Project No. 36—Sidewalk Project. Approved February 15, 1939.
No. of men, 73. 7 months.

Sidewalks completed in 1939

	Lineal feet	*Square feet*
Locust Grove Avenue	621 X 4	2482
Pleasant Street	1144	4578
Forest Street	632	2528
Grove Street	520	2080
Woodland Street	903	3612
Winter Street	289	1156
Summer Street	7	25
Lincoln Street	696	2784
Vendome Street	667	2668
East Main Street	1505	6020
Broad Street	349	1396
Merrimack Street	315	1260
High Street	1673	6692
School Street	1937	7748
Adams Street	925	3700
Locust Street	366	1464
	12,549	50,193
Tar Sidewalk	30	120

5577⅓ square yards. Federal funds, $32,855.00.

Project No. 38—Approved May 4, 1939.
"Church Street. Water."
Number of men, 39. Amount of Federal funds, $2,464.00.

Projects Awaiting Presidential Approval

New Sewing Project to include 15 women.

Revision of Side Walk Project.

Mapping of Town of Merrimac, and surveying of Streets and Property in Town of Merrimac.

Any further information pertaining to the details of these projects may be ascertained in the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED T. HOPKINSON,

W.P.A. Co-Ordinator.

In Memoriam

FRANK N. RAND
1863-1939

Member Town Committee to establish Merrimac Town Forest, 1923—1927

Member Merrimac Town Forest Committee and Chairman several years 1927—1939

HARRY KINNEY
1880-1939

Member Merrimac Finance Committee
1933–1934–1936–1937–1938–1939

FRANK E. WALKER
1854-1939

Town Treasurer, 1919–1920–1921–1922–1923–1924

Library Trustee, 19 years, 1919 to 1938

Member Board of Engineers, Merrimac Fire Department
1890–1891–1892–1893–1894–1895

EVERETT L. JEWELL
1868-1940

Selectman of Merrimac, 1926–1927–1928-1929
Chairman Board of Selectmen 1927

School Committee, 1908–1909–1910–1911

APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1939

Moderator	$12.00
Selectmen, (Chairman)	450.00
Selectmen (Clerk)	125.00
Selectmen (Other Member)	100.00
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses	500.00
Board of Public Welfare (Chairman)	200.00
Board of Public Welfare (Clerk)	200.00
Board of Public Welfare (Other Member)	100.00
Town Accountant	1,300.00
Town Accountant Expenses	125.00
Treasurer	450.00
Treasurer's Expenses	900.00
Tax Collector	800.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	600.00
Assessor (Chairman)	275.00
Assessors (Other two, each $187.50)	375.00
Assessors' Expenses	200.00
Town Clerk	225.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	50.00
Registrars of Voters	112.50
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance (Janitor of Town Offices)	240.00
Town Hall Repairs	100.00
Bonding Town Officers	310.00
Election Officers	120.00
Police	3,550.00
Fire Engineers	200.00
Fire Department	3,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	90.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures' Expense	50.00
Inspector of Wiring	90.00
Inspector of Wiring Expenses	5.00
Dog Officer (to cover fees)	100.00
Moth Department	900.00
Moth Department (Pump and Sprayer Repairs)	50.00
W.P.A. Sidewalk, East Main St	500.00
Oiling Thickly Settled Streets	500.00

W.P.A. Water Extension, Church St.	$1,250.00
Emergency Snow Bill, H. F. Davis	28.50
W.P.A. Drain, Pleasant St., Merrimacport	1,250.00
Tree Warden	250.00
Town Forest	500.00
Forest Warden	150.00
Board of Health	1,250.00
Public Health Nurse and Expense	1,150.00
Inspector of Animals	100.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	20.00
Inspector of Milk	20.00
Essex County T. B. Hospital	746.92
Highway Department and Chapter 81	4,650.00
Snow and Washouts	1,000.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00
Rocks Bridge	650.00
Street Lights	3,776.42
State Aid	120.00
Public Welfare	18,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children or Mothers' Aid	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	25,000.00
School Committee (Chairman)	50.00
School Committee (Clerk)	75.00
School Committee (Other Member)	50.00
School Department	28,250.00
Public Library	1,000.00
Memorial Day (American Legion)	150.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Town Counsel (Fees)	12.50
Lighting Town Buildings	569.12
Insurance	2,300.00
Reserve Fund	500.00
Interest	600.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00
Vital Statistics	75.00
Water in Town Buildings	329.64
Printing Town Reports	293.52
W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief Projects	6,000.00

Co-ordinator of W.P.A. or other State or Federal Relief Projects	$400.00
Board of Registrars Expense	425.00
Repairs to Fire Alarms	300.00
Thickly Settled Roads	*1,400.00
Snow Note	1,500.00
Maintenance Road Machinery	*1,000.00
Municipal Loan Note	1,000.00
Highway Chapter 90, Road	500.00
Improvement and Embellishment of Cemeteries	*275.00
Playground Commission	150.00
	$131,521.12
*Transferred from Accounts	2,675.00
	$128,846.12

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—

As Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report of the Department for the year 1939.

There were 42 automobile accidents reported, 18 were of a serious nature, in which 33 persons were injured, of the injured 14 were passengers, 13 were pedestrians and 6 were operators.

In addition to the arrests for violation of the motor vehicle law, names of violators have also been sent to the Registry of Motor Vehicles for action.

In June of this year two signs were erected one on each end of the thickly settled area, with a warning to motorists, in an effort to slow traffic along Main, East Main Streets and through the Square.

All bills of the Department have been paid, and the year ended with a small balance.

Miscellaneous Business

Autos stolen, recovered here	1
Assistance to other Police Departments	5
Assistance to Medical Examiner	6
Complaints investigated	420
Doors and windows found open and secured	26
Dead bodies found	4
Days at District Court (Chief)	59
Days at Superior Court (Chief)	8
Days at Probate Court (Chief)	1
Days at District Court (Patrolman)	8
Days at District Court (Special Officers)	3
Days at Grand Jury (Chief)	2
Disturbance suppressed without arrest	8
Defects in sidewalks and streets reported	4
Escorts furnished processions	5
Headlight and Brake Inspections held	4
Injured and sick persons assisted	21
Lights furnished dangerous places	2
Fires discovered, alarm rang	1
Lost and runaway children, returned to parents	5
Messages delivered	60
Number of animals disposed of	7
Number of assignments of Officers	317
Stray animals returned to owners	6
Value of property stolen	$156.00
Value of property reported lost	$170.00
Value of property recovered	$91.00
Witness subpoenas served	7
Wires down and reported	3
Lights burning in buildings, reported to owners	11

Number of Arrests for the Year

Male	79
Female	7
Total	86
Resident	32
Non-resident	54

Charged as follows—

Assault and Battery	3
Attempt Statutory Rape	2
Collecting Junk, no license	1
Drunk	22
Disturbance of the Peace	1
Delinquent Children	2
Insane	4
Indecent Assault	1
Larceny	2
Non-support	2
Non-Payment of Wage	4
Safekeeping	10
Violation of Motor Vehicle Law	28
Violation of Probation	3
Vagrancy	1

Disposed of as follows—

4 Continued.
17 Released.
7 Guilty, Filed.
1 Not Guilty.
3 Probation.
11 For other Departments.
7 Committed to institutions for indefinite periods.
8 Received sentences suspended, totaling 23 months and 10 days.
2 Received sentences totaling 7 months, Appealed.
4 Sentenced and committed to institutions for period of 1 year and 70 days.
1 Fined $15.00, Appealed.
17 Fined a total of $305.00
2 Fined $50.00, Appealed.
1 Fined $10, Appealed.
1 Dismissed.

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor Judge Pettingell, the Associate Justices, Clerk of the District Court, the Probation Officer, the Officers of the Depart-

ment, and the citizens of the Town for their kindly co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. DONAHUE,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Sealer's report for the year 1939 is as follows:

Device	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Platform over 10,000 lbs. . .		2	2	
Platform 100 to 5,000 lbs. .		12		1
Counter 100 lbs. or over. . .		5		
Counter under 100 lbs.		6		
Beam 100 lbs. or over.	1	1		
Spring 100 lbs. or over.		2		
Spring under 100 lbs.		15		1
Computing under 100 lbs. .	2	15	2	
Prescription.		1		
Avoirdupois weights.	12	64		
Apothecary weights.		15		
Liquid measures over 1 gal. .		1		
Oil jars.		4		
Gasoline measuring pumps.	1	3	5	1
Gasoline meter systems. . . .	5	27	8	
Kerosene measuring pumps		2		
Tank truck meter systems.	2	2		
Grease measuring devices. .		4		

Trial weighing and measuring of commodities sold or put up for sale.

Commodities	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Fruits and Vegetables	4			4
Bread	17	4	1	12
Butter	12	2		10
Coal in bags	5	3		2
Confectionery	13	3		10
Lard	10			10
Dry Commododities:				
Sugar, potato chips, crackers	4	1	1	2
Vegetable shortening	3			3
Cakes and cookies	16			16
Cheese	3			3
Potatoes	10	7	2	1
Cord wood	1			1
Pine slabs	5			5
Dry Beans	4	3	1	
Baled hay	5	1		4
Meats	2	2		

Inspections

Peddlers' Licenses	7	Markings of Food Pkgs.	67
Peddlers' Scales	5	Coal in paper bags	5
Ice Scales	2	Oil jars	20
Markings of Bread	17	Transient Vendors	2
Paper Cartons	6	Junk Scales	2

Expenditures

Salary	$90.00
Transportation	20.75
Expenses at Sealers' Convention	10.00
Equip. and Supplies.	4.85
Total	$125.60
Appropriation	140.00
Unexpended Bal.	$14.40

Receipts

Sealing Fees	$38.49
Adjusting Charges	3.33
Total	$41.82

I wish to thank all persons who by their friendliness and cheerful co-operation have aided me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. HOYT,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

January 29, 1940.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

Number of alarms	52
Fire loss	$1,613

There are at present twenty-five regular men and eight substitutes in the department.

We recommend that the sum of $3,200.00 be appropriated for the salaries and general maintenance of the department.

This past year the State Inspector made an inspection of Fire Alarm Air Tank, and has reported that it is badly pitted and rusted on the inside and that the pressure will have to be reduced, and recommended that a new tank be installed. The present tank was installed twenty-two years ago and has given very good service.

Due to the condition of tank we recommend that a new tank be installed and that the sum of $717 be appropriated for the purchase and installation of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON A. HUME,
J. ARTHUR OLLIS,
FRED O. BAILEY,

Board of Engineers.

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency fire alarm telephone number 2211.

3–3 Chief's Call
4 Mass. N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.
5 Merrimac Square.
7 Central Fire Station, School St.
12 Locust St. opposite Green St.
13 J. B. Judkins Co., Main St.
14 Main St., near residence of William H. Franklin.
15 Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Merrimac-Haverhill line.
16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
17 School and Pleasant Sts.
18 School and Mill Sts.
21 East Main St. Bear Hill Rd., to Merrimac-Amesbury line.
23 East Main St. near store of Leo Noone.
24 Church St. opposite Maple St.
25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
26 Summer and Prospect Sts.
27 Church St. near residence of Chas. H. Staples.
28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
31 Pleasant St., Merrimacport.
32 Merrimac St. near residence of George H. Whitcomb.
34 Merrimac St., Merrimacport.
35 High St. near William S. Tuckwell Foundry.
36 Merrimac St. Post Office.
41 Lake Attitash Park.
42 Bear Hill Road, Newton, N. H. line. Telephone. No box.
51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
52 Lower Locust St. Haverhill-Merrimac line.
62 Birch Meadow Rd. and Hadley District. Telephone. No box.
2 Recall—all out.

No School Signals

7:15 A.M. 11–11–long pause–1. No school in grades only.
7:15 A.M. 11–11–11. No school in high and grade schools.
11:20 A.M. Same signals. One session.
12:30 P.M. Same signals. No school in afternoon.
Police Call 1–1–1.
Boy Scouts—10 blasts.

Emergency phone 2211 should be used for fire calls only.

If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for emergency operator.

In all cases give your name and location of fire.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT FOR 1939

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

Nursing visits made		847
Maternity cases 13	visits made,	48
Child welfare visits		184
Adult welfare visits		19
Impetigo 6	visits made,	6
Whooping cough 78	visits made,	63
Scarlet fever 18	visits made,	18
Diphtheria 1	visits made,	1
Mumps 13	visits made,	13
Scabies 1	visits made,	1
Colds 23	visits made,	23
Phlebitis 1	visits made,	2
Fractures 3	visits made,	5
Ivy poison 3	visits made,	14
Streptococcus 2	visits made,	9
Cancer 2	visits made,	11
Chronics 7	visits made,	388
Hemorrhage 1	visits made,	26
Shock 2	visits made,	26
Pneumonia 1	visits made,	5
Operations 2	visits made,	14
Insane 2	visits made,	10
Accidents 5		5

Five clinics were held during the year.

The pre-school clinics at Dr. Davis' office on May 19 and May 26, 23 children were examined.

On October 5 and 26, and November 16 the clinics for giving

toxoid treatments for preventing diphtheria to 26 children, were held at Centre School.

On November 20, the Schick tests were given to determine if immunity was negative, to 86 children who had previously had toxoid treatments.

Readings were given November 24.

Miss Keppler, consultant in public health nursing, visited June 15 and December 6.

Miss Marion Grout, Health Educational Secretary of Essex County, visited and showed moving pictures on health at Centre, Junior High and High Schools, January 9 and 12.

Accompanied one school pupil to Essex County health camp. This was accomplished by the sale of health seals.

Accompanied one pupil to Amesbury Hospital.

Accompanied one pupil to Newburyport High School for X-ray.

Accompanied five school pupils to Haverhill for glasses.

Very truly,

JEAN BADASHAW,

Health Nurse.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

We hereby submit a report of the developments in this department during the year of 1939.

During the year we have made some improvements on the roads which always are quite an expense to keep in proper repair; we have used some fifty or sixty tons of crushed stone around the center part of the cemetery which we hope will keep the roads in better condition during the spring months.

It was necessary to make over the further road up the hill as it was badly washed during one of the spring storms, although this road was made over by the W.P.A. two years ago.

We were obliged to use quite a sum of money during the year to take proper care of Perpetual Care lots which will be an expense to us the coming season, unless we decide to spend less money on them.

With interest of only 2½% on deposits of one hundred dollars we are obliged each year to take all of the interest on these deposits leaving us very little money for the following year.

We will endeavor to give the cemeteries our best efforts the coming year, although working under many disadvantages.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. SARGENT,
WILBUR W. COLBY,
CHARLES A. LANCASTER,

Cemetery Trustees.

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the year 1939 was prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4 of the General Laws and adopted June 19, 1939.

Charles H. Bishop, Woodland St., Chef.
Arthur D. Bridge, Union St., Laborer.
Frederick F. Calnan, Pine St., Salesman.
Clarence W. Crosby, Main St., Carpenter.
Thomas C. Greeley, High St., Auto worker.
E. Clifton Hargraves, Currier Ave., Store Keeper.
Frank R. Haskell, Pleasant St., (Port), Farmer.
James L. Howe, Church St., Plumber.
Harold C. Lord, Grove St., Salesman
John S. Pease, Locust Grove Ave., Trimmer.
William H. Rafferty, Attitash District, Shoe Worker.
Joseph E. Salome, East Main St., Store Keeper.
George L. Sargent, Bear Hill, Farmer.
Chester W. Streeter, Mechanic St., Steamfitter.
John E. Trull, Lincoln St., Chauffeur.

Hazen M. Emery, Judkins Court, Office Worker.
Lothrop J. Grant, School St., Clerk.
William W. Carter, East Main St., Stock Clerk.
William F. Streeter, School St., Painter.
Albert P. Wadleigh, Church St., Accountant.
Guy E. Sheldon, Pine St., Laborer.
Moses B. Merrill, Prospect St., Auto Body Worker.
W. Phillip Gilmore, East Main St., Meat Cutter.
Edgar R. Tucker, Locust St., Electrician.
John Howard Chipman, High St., Poultryman.
Edmund S. Staples, School St., Clerk.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year 1939:

Recapitulation

Town Appropriations	$143,989.20	
Overlay Deficit of 1935	260.91	
Old Age Abatements	38.00	
State Tax	5,040.00	
State Tax Underestimate for 1938	2,520.00	
Auditing Tax	44.40	
State Parks and Reservations	113.83	
County Tax	2,563.06	
T. B. Hospital	746.72	
Overlay for 1939	1,558.08	
		$156,874.40

Estimated Receipts

Income Tax	$7,867.87
Corporation Tax	2,106.61
Motor Vehicle Tax	5,659.07
Licenses	1,471.00
Fines	97.60
Special assessments	108.50
General Government	716.00
Protection of Persons and Property	93.59

Health and Sanitation	$192.77	
Charities	7,347.35	
Old Age Assistance	13,536.49	
Soldiers' Benefits	175.70	
Schools	4,169.98	
Library	98.00	
Public Service Enterprises	4,345.54	
Interest on Taxes	1,510.14	
Chapter 504 Acts of 1939	3,928.56	
Overestimates of previous year	4.36	
Available funds	15,589.36	
		$69,136.60
Net amount to be raised by Taxes		$87,737.80
779 Polls at $2.00	$1,558.00	
Personal Property $95,520.00 at $51.00	4,871.52	
Real Estate $1,594,280.00 at $51.00	81,308.28	
		$87,737.80

Abatements made in 1939

On levy of 1937	$411.00
On levy of 1938	413.48
On levy of 1939	2,136.13

Table of Aggregates

Value of real estate	$1,594,280.00
Value of personal property	95,520.00
Value of automobiles	172,660.00
Number of automobiles	763
Number of horses	44
Number of cows	208
Acres of land	4,840
Number of houses	722

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. CROFUT,
CLIFFORD R. HOWE,
ROSCOE CHILD,

Assessors.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1939

Real Estate

Dr.

Tax Warrant	$81,430.59	
Refunds	66.30	
		$81,496.89

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer	$44,457.77	
By abatements	2,095.33	
By uncollected	34,943.79	
		$81,496.89

1939

Personal

Dr.

Tax Warrant		$4,871.52

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer	$3,357.33	
By abatements	53.55	
By uncollected	1,460.64	
		$4,871.52

1939

Moth

Dr.

Tax Warrant		$55.36

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer	$35.61	
By uncollected	19.75	
		$55.36

1939

Excise

Dr.

Tax Warrant	$5,155.80	
To interest received	.40	
		$5,156.20

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer	$4,666.39	
By abatements	224.51	
By uncollected	265.30	
		$5,156.20

1939

Polls

Dr.

Tax Warrant		$1,558.00

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer	$816.00	
By abatements	182.00	
By uncollected	560.00	
		$1,558.00

1938

Real and Personal

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1939		$36,727.67

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer	$13,287.57	
By abatements	440.51	
Added to tax title account	5,362.43	
By uncollected	17,637.16	
		$36,727.67

1938

Polls

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1939.....		$626.00

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$144.00	
By uncollected.....	482.00	
		$626.00

1938

Excise

Dr.

Uncollected, January 1, 1939.....		$486.75
By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$318.85	
By abatements.....	32.92	
By uncollected.....	134.98	
		$486.75

1938

Moth

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1939.....		$34.91
By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$17.90	
By uncollected.....	17.01	
		$34.91

1937

Real Estate and Personal

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$15,694.96

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$13,180.32	
By Tax Titles taken.....	939.68	
By abatement.....	379.20	
By uncollected.....	1,195.76	
		$15,694.96

1937

Polls

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$424.00

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$208.00	
By uncollected.....	216.00	
		$424.00

1937

Moths

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1939.....		$38.30

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$27.30	
By uncollected.....	11.00	
		$38.30

1937

Motor Vehicle Excise

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$511.35

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$137.36	
By abatements.....	18.84	
By uncollected.....	355.15	
		$511.35

1936

Real Estate and Personal

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$950.43

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$221.08	
By tax titles.....	142.90	
By uncollected.....	586.45	
		$950.43

1936

Polls

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1939.....		$226.00

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$4.00	
By uncollected.....	222.00	
		$226.00

1936

Moths

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1939.....		$17.55

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$5.55	
By uncollected.....	12.00	
		$17.55

1936

Motor Vehicle Excise

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$298.50

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$38.43	
By abatement.....	.67	
By uncollected.....	259.40	
		$298.50

1935

Poll, Personal and Real Estate

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$435.18

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$206.58	
By uncollected.....	228.60	
		$435.18

1935

Moth

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939.....		$3.30

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$3.20	
By uncollected.....	.10	
		$3.30

1935

Motor Vehicle Excise

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$59.15

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$10.04	
By uncollected.....	49.11	
		$59.15

1934

Polls, Personal and Real Estate

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$280.30

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$94.22	
By uncollected.....	186.08	
		$280.30

1934

Motor Vehicle Excise

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939..		$10.67

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$5.31	
By uncollected.....	5.36	
		$10.67

1933

Poll, Personal and Real Estate

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$28.33

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$12.78	
By uncollected.....	15.55	
		$28.33

1933

Motor Vehicle Excise

Dr.

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1939...		$4.57

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	$1.95	
By uncollected.....	2.62	
		$4.57

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. TWOMBLY,

Tax Collector.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections and issued the following licenses in the past year:

Number of barns inspected..... 43

Number of Cattle inspected:

Milk Cattle	163
Young Cattle	71
Bulls	12
Goats	23
Swine	85

Inspections of Slaughtering:

Hogs	8
Veals	2

Milk licenses issued	18
Oleomargarine licenses issued	2

Respectfully submitted,

FRED H. G. CHASE,

Inspector of Milk,
Inspector of Animals,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

January 15, 1940.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report for the year 1939:

Births

Number of Births returned	29
Males	15
Females	14
Father, Native Born	27
Mother, Native Born	28
Father and Mother, both Native Born	28

Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	1

Marriages

Number of Marriages Recorded	39
First Marriage of Groom	33
First Marriage of Bride	33
Grooms, Native Born	36
Brides, Native Born	39
Grooms, Foreign Born	3
Brides, Foreign Born	0
Average Age of Groom	29 years–4 months–9 days
Average Age of Bride	25 years–2 months–4 days

Deaths

Number of Deaths Recorded	27
Males	13
Females	14
Under 5 years	0
Males, Native Born	12
Females, Native Born	12
Males, Foreign Born	1
Females, Foreign Born	3
Of Native Parentage	12
Of Mixed Parentage	2
Average Age	68 years–11 months–33 days
Oldest Person	89 years–4 months–23 days

Licenses

Number of Dogs Licensed	100
Males	95
Females	5
Sporting Licenses issued	116
Minors Sporting Licenses issued	10

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts, and disbursements for the year 1939 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1939.....	$8,401.71	
Receipts to January 1, 1940.....	297,733.53	
		$306,135.24
Payments on Warrants.....	$293,522.25	
Balance, January 1, 1940.....	12,612.99	
		$306,135.24

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEAY,

Town Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their thirty-sixth Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

Eight services have been added during the year, making a total of 965 lighting services and 15 Power services now installed.

Estimate of Expense

Gross Expense of Operating.....	$30,000.00	
Depreciation (3% on $80,130.25)...	2,403.91	
		$32,403.91

Estimated Income

From Private Consumers.....	$35,000.00	
From Municipal Buildings.....	563.48	
From Street Lights.....	3,595.83	
		$39,159.31

Cost of Constructions

Substation Equipment	$500.00	
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	45,477.71	
Meters	10,342.92	
Transformers	16,647.20	
Street Lighting Equipment	5,071.00	
Transportation Equipment	2,084.58	
		$80,130.25

Expended for Constructions

Constructions and Materials	$2,478.91	
Meters	174.84	
Transformers	486.33	
		$3,140.08

Expended for Operating Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased	$18,309.73	
Station Wage	630.00	
Rent of Station	350.00	
Meter and Transformer Operation	20.14	
Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines	4,479.35	
Street Light Maintenance	10.80	
Commercial Salaries and Expenses	423.10	
Salary of Municipal Light Board and Manager	1,293.48	
Office Salary	1,152.23	
General Office Supplies and Expenses	619.98	
Insurance	286.63	
Truck Expense	226.45	
Misc. General Expense	45.15	
		$27,847.04
Total Expended for Construction and Maintenance		$30,987.12

Transportation Equipment.....	$824.60	
Consumers Deposits Returned.....	205.00	
Returned to Town.....	4,345.54	
		$5,375.14
Total Expenditures.....		$36,362.26

Balance Sheet

Construction and Operating Fund, January 1, 1939.....	$1,802.40	
Depreciation Fund, January 1, 1939.	20,682.80	
Received from Light and Power Sales	32,895.26	
Received from Misc. Sales.....	823.55	
Received for partial payment of Note	964.67	
Received from Town Appropriations	4,345.54	
Interest Income.....	520.26	
Consumers Deposits.....	330.00	
		$62,364.48
Construction Materials and Renewals	$3,140.08	
Maintenance and Operating Expense	27,847.04	
Transportation Equipment.....	824.60	
Consumers Deposits Returned.....	205.00	
Returned to Town.....	4,345.54	
Depreciation Fund, January 1, 1940..	21,203.06	
Construction and Operating Fund, January 1, 1940.....	4,154.16	
Consumers Deposit Fund, January 1, 1940.....	645.00	
		$62,364.48

Municipal Light Board,

GEORGE F. WILDE,
JOHN MARSHALL,
IRVINE G. BURBECK.

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their thirty-sixth Annual Report.

Three services were installed during the year making a total of 782 services installed, of which 680 services are active and 102 services inactive.

Estimates for the Ensuing Year

Gross Expense of Operating	$10,000.00	
Constructions	2,000.00	
		$12,000.00

Estimated Income

Water Rates	$11,000.00	
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00	
		$12,000.00

Expended for Constructions

Pumping Equipment	$1,929.33	
Materials	971.14	
		$2,900.47

Expended for Maintenance

Maintenance and Repairs	$1,893.84	
Power and Fuel	3,426.86	
Station Supplies and Expenses	191.35	
Station Wages	1,190.00	
Salary of Superintendent and Commission	869.68	
Office Salary	520.00	
Office Expense	324.15	
Truck Expense	202.05	
Interest	48.30	
Insurance	686.11	
Miscellaneous	41.17	
		$9,393.51

Total Expended for Constructions and Maintenance	$12,293.98

Monthly Report of Pumping Station

	Gallons Pumped	*Hours Pumped*
January	4,550,000	139
February	4,410,000	136
March	4,730,000	146
April	4,750,000	147
May	5,270,000	148
June	6,530,000	186
July	10,340,000	294
August	6,250,000	179
September	5,690,000	164
October	5,830,000	171
November	4,980,000	152
December	4,940,000	148
Total Gallons	68,270,000	

Balance Sheet

General Cash Balance, January 1, 1939	$80.26	
Water Rates Collected	10,755.67	
Miscellaneous Income	686.05	
Appropriation, Church St. Extension	1,027.11	
		$12,549.09
Expended for Construction	$2,900.47	
Expended for Maintenance	9,393.51	
General Cash Balance, January 1, 1940	255.11	
		$12,549.09

Board of Water Commissioners,

CHARLES A. LANCASTER,
JOHN MARSHALL,
GEORGE F. WILDE.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

I hereby report that I have caught, confined and disposed of the number of dogs listed below, during the past year.

Males:

January 2, 1939	$1.00	
January 5, 1939	1.00	
January 15, 1939	4.00	
January 18, 1939	3.00	
February 10, 1939	4.00	
March 29, 1939	4.00	
March 31, 1939	4.00	
April 5, 1939	4.00	
April 26, 1939	4.00	
May 5, 1939	4.00	
June 17, 1939	4.00	
August 15, 1939	4.00	
September 4, 1939	4.00	
September 19, 1939	4.00	
September 21, 1939	4.00	
October 19, 1939	3.00	
November 1, 1939	4.00	
November 21, 1939	4.00	
		$64.00

Females:

Janaury 21, 1939	$1.00
February 12, 1939	1.00
February 14, 1939	4.00
April 2, 1939	4.00
April 24, 1939	4.00
June 23, 1939	4.00
August 2, 1939	1.00
August 17, 1939	4.00

December 1, 1939	$4.00	
December 27, 1939	4.00	
		$31.00
Total amount		$95.00

I returned four dogs to their owners.

I wish to thank the police department for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH HASKELL,

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

With this report your Playground Commission closes an active year.

During the year the Selectmen and Playground Commission jointly formulated and obtained Federal approval of a W.P.A. project for improvement of the Playground. This improvement, which is now in process embodies the filling of the depression at the grounds and the placing thereon of the baseball diamond and also the construction of three tennis courts. It is our hope and expectation that this work will be completed in the spring.

This project is being operated with a two-fold purpose in view. To eliminate complaints of abutters and at the same time substantially improve the playground. By using W.P.A. labor and funds for this purpose we feel that we are not creating a burden on the taxpayers beyond that of maintaining the W.P.A. on any or other projects.

During last May the baseball diamond was relocated so that

home plate is now under an overhanging foul stop. This was done to eliminate the loss of baseballs onto our abutters property. The work on this relocation was done by members of the Merrimac Town Team with the help and under the supervision of Mr. William Rafferty and Mr. Fred Gibbs. This relocation is an improvement over existing conditions but is far from being an ideal arrangement for those who use the diamond.

Our expenditures for the year are included in the report of the Town Auditor so we will not repeat here.

We close by thanking all who helped us in striving to serve you during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. FOWLE,
WILLARD T. KELLY,
BURTON C. LAFAVER
HARVEY MINER,
ISAIAH McCLURE,

Merrimac Playground Commission.

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

Report of the Merrimac Town Forest Committee to January 1, 1940.

There were 7000 Pine Trees set this year in the Town Forest, making a total of 119,000 trees set to date.

$300.00 was voted for Forest work the past year.

Labor setting trees	$42.00
Freight on 7000 trees	3.89
Labor on clearing, burning and cutting 17 cords wood in the process	150.80
12 Rock Maples for shade trees, mowing out lanes and 12 acres bushes	103.30
	$299.99

There were 144 cords of wood sold to the town this year, but 4 cords remain not used. As we had no W.P.A. Project this year for cutting wood and no appropriation was made at the last Town Meeting, the town will be forced to buy. Notwithstanding there is enough wood in the Town Forest to serve the wants of the town for many years. It does seem a lack of good business to purchase wood when it can be cut and used by the town in the different departments, either by W.P.A. Project or by appropriation to the Town Forest Committee. With an appropriation of $250.00 we will be able to supply the necessary amount the town will need and $200.00 for cutting of bushes and fire lanes, which must be done in all Town Forests.

In the death of Frank N. Rand, the town loses one who carried on with courage and faith his convictions, that the younger generation would enjoy the benefits he so unselfishly gave of his time and energy. May we carry on as he would wish it done.

JAMES T. COLGAN,
SAMUEL C. DOUST,

Merrimac Town Forest Committee.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

As Trustees of Kimball Park, we submit the following report:

Active Account

Received:		
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1939	None	
From Weed Fund	$50.00	
From Kimball Fund	24.50	
		$74.50
Expended:		
Care of grounds	$70.00	
Herman Davis for Plants	3.00	
H. C. McIlvan	1.50	
		$74.50

Trust Funds

Balance Weed Fund, Jan. 1, 1939.....	$2,001.59	
Balance Kimball Fund, Jan. 1, 1939...	1,058.79	
Interest Weed Fund, 1939.....	50.34	
Interest Kimball Fund, 1939.....	26.63	
		$3,137.35
Withdrawn Weed Fund.....	$50.00	
Withdrawn Kimball Fund.....	24.50	
Balance Weed Fund, Jan. 1, 1940.....	2,001.93	
Balance Kimball Fund, Jan. 1, 1940...	1,060.92	
		$3,137.35

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. KIRKPATRICK,
ALDEN B. MORSE,
HERMAN F. DAVIS,

Trustees Kimball Park.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library herein submit their sixty-third annual report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

Number of days open during the year.....	153
Number of hours open each week except during July and August.....	16
Number of hours open each week during July and August	11

With the average in 1938 of 15.7 hours open during week for libraries in towns of 2000–3000 population in the state, the above figures compare favorably.

During the year there were 17,703 volumes in circulation, the monthly deliveries being as follows:

January	1404	July	1352
February	1529	August	1288
March	1653	September	1428
April	1638	October	1607
May	1308	November	1694
June	1397	December	1405

Total 17,703, of which 1545 were non-fiction and 2215 juvenile.

Fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to $91.08.

To avoid repetition the financial report is included in the report of the Town Accountant.

There have been added during the past year 347 volumes and 32 magazines, derived from the following sources:

Books: by purchase	331
Books: by gift	16
Magazines: by purchase	24
Magazines: by gift	8

As Trustees, it is the desire of the Board to meet the wishes and demands of the public, thereby making our Library as useful and convenient as possible for a community of this size. Because it is well patronized and appreciated, it appears that the Library performs a useful and helpful function. To further this work, we invite suggestions for improvements.

During the year 1938 the average municipal appropriation for library maintenance in towns in Massachusetts of population between 2000 and 3000 was $1,316.00. Your trustees recommend that Merrimac appropriates $1,000.00 for the year 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN F. HEATH
MINNIE S. HALE,
JOHN B. JUDKINS,
ABBIE W. SARGENT,
ETHEL B. WHITING,
GRACE F. GIBBS,

Trustees of Public Library.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Building Inspections	71
Factory	3
Gas Stations	11
Wiring found defective	3
Neon Signs	14
Entrance Changes	7
Home Light Plants	1

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. BURBECK,

Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all such financial matters as may be of general interest.

I express herewith my appreciation of the co-operation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all the other Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HAROLD WHITING,

Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS—GENERAL

Taxes:			
Current Year—			
Poll, Personal, Real Estate	$48,631.10		
Previous Years—			
1938 Poll, Personal, Real Estate	13,443.57		
1937 Poll, Personal, Real Estate	13,376.32		
1936 Poll, Personal, Real Estate	225.08		
1935 Poll, Personal, Real Estate	206.58		
1934 Poll, Personal, Real Estate	94.22		
1933 Poll, Personal, Real Estate	12.78		
		$75,989.65	
From Commonwealth:			
Special State Taxes—			
Income Tax	$3,643.53		
Ch. 362, Acts 1936	121.92		
Corporation Tax	1,848.14		
Veterans' Exemptions	151.28		
State Aid	10.00		
Business Corporation	41.36		
Income Tax No. 2	3,841.47		
		$9,657.70	
Tax Titles Redeemed		3,015.13	
Total from Taxes			$88,662.48
Licenses and Permits; Fines and Forfeits:			
Liquor	$1,515.00		
All other	147.25		
Adv. liquor licenses	16.89		
		$1,679.14	

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	$15.00		
		$15.00	

Grants and Gifts:

State Mass. School Fund.	$3,654.35		
Dog Licenses	147.50		
		$3,801.85	
Total from Licenses and Permits, Fines and Forfeits and Grants and Gifts			$5,495.99

Privileges—

Motor Excise 1939	$4,665.99		
Motor Excise 1938	318.85		
Motor Excise 1937	137.42		
Motor Excise 1936	38.43		
Motor Excise 1935	9.10		
Motor Excise 1934	5.31		
Total from Privileges		$5,175.10	

Special Assessments:—

Moth 1939	$31.11		
Moth 1938	14.40		
Moth 1937	27.30		
Moth 1936	4.85		
Moth 1935	.55		
Total Special Assessments		$78.21	
Total from General Revenue			$99,411.78

RECEIPTS—COMMERCIAL REVENUE

General Government:

Rent of Hall	$7.00	
Rent of Offices	644.50	
Awning Fire Loss	25.00	
		$676.50

Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealers' Fees	$41.52	
Comm. Ins. Animals	50.00	
		$91.52

Board of Health:

Comm. of Mass.	$101.43	
County of Essex, vaccine	32.93	
		$134.36

Highways:

State Ch. 81, 1939	$4,422.55	
State Ch. 81, 1938	981.76	
State Ch. 90, 1938	1,499.88	
Ch. 81 Refund	2.66	
Ch. 232, Acts 1939	3,928.56	
Town hire road machinery	1,411.10	
		$12,246.51

Schools:

Comm. of Mass., Tuition	$135.54	
Supt. Small Towns	483.34	
Newton Tuition	180.00	
		$798.88

Charities:

State Temporary Aid	$5,192.63	
State Old Age	11,653.50	
State Mothers' Aid	1,061.50	
Cities and Towns T. A.	1,884.15	
Cities and Towns Old Age	401.13	
Individuals Old Age	30.75	
Individuals Welfare	223.88	
Indigent persons	45.00	
Wood sales	8.00	
Old Age U. S. Grant	19,846.85	
Old Age Admx U.S. Grant	661.52	
A.D.C.U.S. Grant (Mother's Aid)	462.52	
A.D.C.U.S. Admx	5.96	
		$41,477.39

Public Library:

Fines	$91.08	
Trust Funds	885.43	
		$976.51

Kimball Park:

Trust Funds	$74.50	
		$74.50

Cemeteries:

Sale of lots	$385.00	
Trust Funds	1,549.08	
		$1,934.08

Rent Tax Title Property	$234.79	
		$234.79

Public Service Enterprises:

Light and Water—

Light—

Sale of Light	$28,136.09	
Sale of Power	9,104.71	
Miscellaneous Sales	1,788.22	
Consumers' deposits	330.00	
		$39,359.02

Water—

Meter Rates	$10,755.67	
Miscellaneous sales	1,713.16	
		$12,468.83

Interest:

Taxes 1939	$16.09
Taxes 1938	243.36
Taxes 1937	595.72
Taxes 1936	53.15
Taxes 1935	2.48
Taxes 1934	23.31

Costs	$11.83	
Releases	12.00	
Spec. T. T. Loan	57.12	
Int. and costs T. Titles	271.70	
		$1,286.76

Total Commercial Revenue $111,759.65

RECEIPTS—NON REVENUE AND MISCELLANEOUS

Temporary Loans (In Anticipation of Revenue)	$75,000.00	
Dog Licenses	195.00	
Tax Titles Loans	9,000.00	
Highway Loan Ch. 90 Sec. 6a	500.00	
Highway Loan Ch. 81 Sec. 6a	300.00	
Land court fees returned	42.00	
Truck refund Highway	11.31	
Town Hall Maint. Refund	.84	
Insurance Refund	2.25	
Sale of hay	4.00	
Timber salvage sale of wood	211.33	
Sale of Tax Titles possessions	1,175.00	
T. B. Check returned	77.50	
Fire Dept. refund	4.66	
Truck refund Light Dept.	11.45	
Truck refund Highway Dept.	14.82	
Misc. School sale of supplies	11.94	
Total non revenue and miscellaneous		$86,562.10
Total from General Revenue, Commercial Revenue and Non-Revenue		$297,733.53
Cash Balance, January 1, 1939		8,401.71
		$306,135.24

EXPENDITURES—GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative:

Salary, Moderator.....	$12.00	
		$12.00

Selectmen's Department:

Chairman.....	$450.00	
Clerk.....	125.00	
Other Member.....	100.00	
Printing and Postage....	197.25	
Transportation.....	72.34	
Other Expenses.....	28.42	
		$973.01

Welfare Department:

Chairman.....	$200.00	
Clerk.....	200.00	
Other Member.....	100.00	
		$500.00

Treasurer's Department:

Salary.....	$433.32	
Printing and Postage....	220.25	
All Other Expenses.....	498.70	
		$1,152.27

Town Clerk:

Salary.....	$225.00	
Printing and Postage....	13.37	
Other Expenses.....	10.08	
		$248.45

Assessor's Department:

Salary, Chairman.....	$275.00	
Other Two Members....	375.00	
Printing and Postage....	128.45	
Transportation and Forms	47.40	
		$825.85

Old Age Assistance:

Chairman	$300.00	
Clerk	200.00	
Other Member	100.00	
		$600.00

W.P.A. Co-ordinator:

Salary	$400.00	
		$400.00

Accounting Department:

Salary	$1,300.00	
Printing and Postage	108.15	
Other Expenses	16.71	
		$1,424.86

Registrars:

Salary	$112.50	
		$112.50

Law Department:

Fees Town Counsel	$12.50	
		$12.50

Collector's Department:

Salary 1933	.13	
Salary 1934	1.23	
Salary 1935	2.19	
Salary 1936	5.20	
Salary 1937	142.37	
Salary 1938	141.72	
Salary 1939	533.43	
Printing and Postage	348.02	
All other Expenses	166.20	
		$1,340.49

Election Officers:

Salary	$100.00	
		$100.00

Town Hall Maintenance:

Janitor	$220.00	
Openings	170.50	
Fuel	572.08	
Light	46.26	
Janitors' Supplies	29.34	
Misc. Repairs	43.94	
Telephone	135.85	
Other Expense	19.39	
		$1,237.36

Town Hall Repairs:

Repairs on Town Building	$79.95	
		$79.95

Bonding Town Officers:

Deputy Collector	$10.00	
Light Mgr. & Water Mgr.	10.00	
Clerk, Light and Water	64.00	
Collector	150.00	
Treasurer	75.00	
		$309.00

Board of Registrars' Expense:

Street Labor	$150.54	
Supplies	76.43	
		$226.97

Total General Government $9,555.21

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:

Salary Chief	$1,464.00	
Night Patrol	1,256.00	
Special Officers	392.00	
Telephone	104.13	
Transportation	227.75	
All other Expenses	103.01	
		$3,546.89

Fire Engineers:

Salary	$200.00	
		$200.00

Fire Department:

Call Men	$1,875.00	
Supt. Alarms	100.00	
Stewards	110.00	
Special Labor	200.85	
Light	10.92	
Heat	371.12	
Equipment	196.10	
Motor Expense	91.21	
Printing and Postage	8.50	
Other Expense	37.51	
		$3,001.21

Repairs to Fire Alarms:

Repairs to Boxes	$635.91	
		$635.91

Moth Department:

Salary Supt.	$392.15	
Labor	374.50	
Insecticides	33.30	
All Other Expense	46.00	
Horses	46.25	
Gas and Oil	7.80	
		$900.00

Repairs Moth Sprayer:

Repairs to Machine	$49.95	
		$49.95

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	$90.00	
Equipment	4.85	
Transportation	30.75	
		$125.60

Inspector of Wires:

Salary	$90.00	
		$90.00

Dog Officer:

Fees	$91.00	
		$91.00

Tree Warden:

Labor	$235.25	
Equipment	14.75	
		$250.00

Town Forest:

Labor	$406.60	
Truck Hire	27.50	
Team	62.00	
All other Expense	3.89	
		$499.99

Forest Warden:

Labor	$60.00	
Motor Expense	6.60	
Equipment	74.60	
Other Expense	6.20	
		$147.40

Total for Protection of Persons and Property $9,537.95

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Inspector of Animals:

Salary	$100.00	
		$100.00

Inspector of Milk:

Salary	$20.00	
		$20.00

Inspector of Slaughtering:			
Salary	$20.00		
		$20.00	
Essex County T. B. Hospital:			
Tuberculosis—			
Board and Care Maintenance Assessment	$746.92		
		$746.92	
Board of Health:			
Burial of cats and dogs	$65.00		
Care of Dump	156.00		
Medical Aid	519.80		
Misc. Equipment	39.86		
Board and treatment at Sanatoriums	747.40		
		$1,528.06	
Health Nurse:			
Salary	$1,030.00		
Postage	1.46		
Supplies	.63		
Motor Expense	114.75		
		$1,146.84	
Total for Health and Sanitation			$3,561.82

HIGHWAYS

Highway and Chapter 81*:*		
Salary Supt.	$548.40	
Truck Driver	448.00	
Labor	2,566.35	
Truck Hire	645.75	
Tractor Driver	27.20	
Materials and Supplies	3,714.83	
Town Truck	935.00	
Town Tractor	92.00	
Town Loader and Grader	321.93	
		$9,299.46

Thickly Settled Roads other than Ch. 81:

Salary Supt.	$172.80	
Truck Driver	18.50	
Labor	52.93	
Truck Hire	698.50	
Supplies	150.65	
Equipment	43.87	
Town Truck	217.00	
		$1,354.25

Highway Ch. 90:

Salary Supt.	$66.60	
Labor	472.50	
Truck Driver	29.50	
Town Truck	59.00	
Materials	371.91	
		$999.51

Snow Note:

Special Snow Emergency Note	$1,500.00	
		$1,500.00

Highway Ch. 498 *Acts* 1938:

Salary Supt.	$93.00	
Laborers	389.50	
Loam	16.75	
Truck	8.00	
Town Truck	130.00	
Cement	17.26	
Stone	26.76	
Surveying	120.00	
Materials	50.22	
		$851.49

Maintenance of Road Machinery:

Gas for Tractor	$16.86
Parts for Truck	188.76
Parts Road Machine	100.71
Gas Truck	597.53

Parts Tractor	$31.08		
Parts Plow	128.52		
Repair Mixer	6.27		
Express	.50		
Misc. Repairs	13.75		
		$1,083.98	
Snow and Washouts:			
Salary Supt	$243.60		
Labor	1,041.72		
Telephone	12.11		
Light	.90		
Horses	155.25		
Town Truck	263.50		
Trucks	387.75		
Fuel	23.91		
Material	20.61		
		$2,149.35	
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges:			
Salary Supt	$4.80		
Labor	29.00		
Town Truck	8.00		
Materials	4.81		
		$46.61	
Rocks Bridge:			
Assessment for 1938	$324.19		
		$324.19	
Street Lighting:			
Bill for 1938	$3,776.42		
		$3,776.42	
Purchase of Truck:			
Cost of Truck	$900.00		
		$900.00	
Total for Highways			$22,285.26

CHARITIES

Public Welfare:

State Institution	$261.38	
Supplies and Forms	45.79	
Clothing	540.82	
Board and Care	3,468.12	
Rent	1,773.00	
Groceries and Provisions	9,476.68	
Fuel	1,409.40	
Cash	504.00	
Mass. General Hospital	201.00	
Deaconness Hospital	26.70	
Amesbury Hospital	169.85	
Homeopathic Hospital	40.00	
Beth Israel Hospital	42.50	
Benson Hospital	38.00	
Infants Hospital	48.14	
Hale Hospital	65.70	
Mass. Memorial Hospital	269.25	
Arlington Rest Home	1,210.80	
Medical Aid & Medicine	2,513.39	
		$22,104.52

Mothers' Aid:

Cash	$1,250.92	
Rent	4.25	
Medical	153.75	
Fuel	88.50	
		$1,497.42

Old Age Assistance:

Cash	$23,189.00	
Board and Care	51.00	
Clothing	1.18	
Rent	6.50	
Other Cities and Towns	312.66	
Medical	1,550.60	
		$25,110.94

A.D.C. U.S. Grant:

Cash	$380.54	
Fuel	12.75	
Medical	11.62	
		$404.91

A.D.C. Admx. U.S. Grant:

Postage	$.06	
		$.06

Old Age Admx. U.S. Grant:

Postage and Supplies	$9.18	
		$9.18

Old Age U.S. Grant:

Clothing	$5.00	
Rent	24.00	
Medical	1,906.62	
Board and Care	225.00	
Cash	16,571.84	
		$18,732.46

Soldiers' Relief:

Cash	$1,022.00	
Fuel	300.51	
Groceries and Provisions	1,200.00	
Medical	655.69	
Rent	598.92	
Clothing	78.93	
Moving	10.80	
		$3,866.85

Total for Charities $71,726.34

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

School Committee:

Salary	$175.00	
		$175.00

School Department:

Total expended year 1939 itemized in detail in School Report classified as per State requirements.....	$28,397.01	
		$28,397.01

Public Library:

Librarian.....	$500.00	
Care of Grounds.....	153.29	
Books and Periodicals...	596.78	
Repairs.....	11.10	
Light and Fuel.....	239.72	
Postage and Express....	5.54	
Ladder.....	29.00	
		$1,535.43

Vocational Aid:

Aid Given.....	$63.00	
		$63.00

Total for Schools and Public Library..... $30,170.44

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Repairs to Tax Title Property:

Repairs to Property.....	$48.00	
		$48.00

W.P.A. Cement Sidewalks, East Main St.:

Cement.....	$164.12	
Fill.....	37.50	
Truck.....	254.30	
Tools.....	35.86	
Mixer.....	6.00	
First Aid Kit.....	.88	
		$498.66

W.P.A. Water Extension Church Street:

Lumber	$47.40	
Equipment	18.75	
First Aid Kit	.65	
Truck	15.75	
Pipe	1,027.11	
		$1,109.66

W.P.A. Pleasant Street Drain:

Surveying	$97.00	
Truck	135.98	
Tile, material	910.46	
		$1,143.44

W.P.A. Moth:

Labor	$213.40	
Equipment	92.34	
First Aid Kit	.65	
		$306.39

Administration: W.P.A.:

Transportation	$86.50	
Postage	4.02	
		$90.52

Farm to Market: W.P.A.:

Truck	$977.00	
Gravel	532.40	
First Aid Kit	5.94	
Gas and Oil	187.25	
Transportation	28.04	
Materials	113.92	
		$1,844.55

W.P.A. Commodity Distribution:

Truck	$447.05	
Ice and Fuel	159.05	
Bags, etc	81.09	
Rent	144.00	
Light	5.99	
Miscellaneous materials	34.77	
Cont. U.S. Gov	294.60	
		$1,166.55

W.P.A. Sewing Unit:

Repairs Machines	$2.00	
Cleaning	10.00	
Transportation	2.90	
Light	19.25	
Rent	216.00	
Cont. U.S. Gov.	1,080.00	
Office Supplies	3.91	
Materials	160.60	
		$1,494.66

W.P.A. Cement Sidewalks:

Tools	$174.12	
Gas and Oil	169.31	
Truck	1,386.80	
Cement and Lumber	2,998.27	
First Aid Kit	5.30	
Mixer	164.00	
Sand, Fill, Gravel	460.00	
		$5,357.80

W.P.A. Playground:

Surveying	$61.20	
Shovel Hire	267.00	
Gas and Oil	30.41	
Tile, Fill, Gravel	40.81	
Sh. Tools	4.10	
Truck	426.43	
		$829.95

Oiling Thickly Settled Roads:

Oil	$430.97	
		$430.97

Bill H. F. Davis Storm Emergency:

Bill	$28.50	
		$28.50

Playground Commission:

Labor	$18.50	
Marker	1.50	
Nails, etc	2.81	
Cutting Grass	22.25	
Setting Goal	1.50	
Truck	90.75	
Plate	12.00	
		$149.31

Lighting Town Buildings:

Bill for 1938	$569.12	
		$569.12

Memorial Day: American Legion:

Grave Marker Flags	$15.43	
Cartridges	13.70	
Band	94.00	
Truck	10.00	
		$133.13

Insurance:

Health Nurse	$30.64	
Collector Deputy	30.62	
Fire	13.57	
Trucks, Pumper and Road Machinery	494.83	
Accident	243.75	
Com. Workmen	592.06	
Fire T. Title Prop	111.20	
Fire	252.00	
		$1,768.67

Interest:

Snow Note	$60.33	
Tax Titles Loans	86.29	
Revenue Loans	136.14	
Special $1,000.00	18.75	
High. Ch. 90	1.25	
R. T. T. Loan	51.46	
Municipal Loan	18.75	
		$372.97

Municipal Loan Note:		
Note paid	$1,000.00	
		$1,000.00
Vital Statistics:		
Fees	$73.50	
		$73.50
Water in Town Buildings:		
Bill for 1938	$329.64	
		$329.64
Printing Town Reports:		
Bill for 1938	$293.52	
		$293.52
Kimball Park:		
Plants	$3.00	
Labor	70.00	
Sharp Tools	1.50	
		$74.50
Total for Recreation and Unclassified		$19,114.01

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Improvement and Embellishment of Cemetery:		
Labor	$169.00	
Tools	22.32	
Sharpening Tools	6.50	
Truck	4.00	
Misc. Materials	6.09	
Plants	65.31	
		$273.22
Cemeteries:		
Labor	$1,023.00	
Dressing	4.00	
Truck	50.60	
Misc. Tools	139.25	
		$1,216.85

Public Service Enterprises:

Light	$32,016.72	
Water	12,293.98	
		$44,310.70

For Detail see Light and Water Report.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Trust Funds	$1,225.00	
		$1,225.00

Dog Fees Collected	$195.00	
		$195.00

Reserved for Payment of Tax Titles Loans:

Payments to State Treasurer	$4,245.43	
		$4,245.43

OTHER PAYMENTS

Refund Sealers' Fees	$1.80	
School Teachers' Contributions	87.83	
County Tax	2,563.06	
Ch. 81 Note	1,600.00	
Ch. 90 Note	1,500.00	
State Tax	5,040.00	
Auditing Tax	44.40	
Veterans' Exemptions	96.57	
Excise Refunds	105.06	
Real Estate Refunds	66.30	
Revenue Loans	65,000.00	
		$76,105.02

Total Enterprises and Cemeteries and Other Payments	$127,571.22
Total Expenditures, Revenue and Non-Revenue	$293,522.25
Cash Balance, December 31, 1939	12,612.99
	$306,135.24

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Balance	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Moderator	$12.00					$12.00	$12.00	
Selectmen	1,175.00					1,175.00	973.01	$201.99
Public Welfare	500.00					500.00	500.00	
Treasurer	1,350.00					1,350.00	1,152.27	197.73
Town Clerk	275.00					275.00	248.45	26.55
Assessors	850.00					850.00	825.85	24.15
Registrars	112.50					112.50	112.50	
W.P.A. Co-ordinator	400.00	$69.33				469.33	400.00	69.33
Election Officers	120.00					120.00	100.00	20.00
Accountant	1,425.00					1,425.00	1,424.86	.14
Town Hall Maintenance	1,240.00				$.84	1,240.84	1,237.36	3.48
Town Hall Repairs	100.00					100.00	79.95	20.05
Bonding Town Officers	310.00					310.00	309.00	1.00
Town Counsel	12.50					12.50	12.50	
Board of Registrars Expense	425.00					425.00	226.97	198.03
Tax Collector, 1939	1,400.00					1,400.00	949.90	450.10
Police	3,550.00					3,550.00	3,546.89	3.11
Fire Engineers	200.00					200.00	200.00	
Fire Department	3,000.00				4.66	3,004.66	3,001.21	3.45
Repairs to Fire Alarms	300.00		$337.18			637.18	635.91	1.27
Moth	900.00					900.00	900.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(*Continued*)

	Appropriations	Balance	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Repairs to Moth Sprayer	$50.00					$50.00	$49.95	$.05
Sealer of Weights and Measures	140.00					140.00	125.60	14.40
Inspector of Wires	95.00					95.00	90.00	5.00
Dog Officer	100.00					100.00	91.00	9.00
Tree Warden	250.00					250.00	250.00	
Town Forest	500.00					500.00	499.99	.01
Forest Warden	150.00					150.00	147.40	2.60
Inspector of Animals	100.00					100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Milk	20.00					20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering	20.00					20.00	20.00	
Board of Health	1,250.00		$300.00		$77.50	1,627.50	1,528.06	99.44
Health Nurse	1,150.00					1,150.00	1,146.84	3.16
Essex County T. B. Hospital	746.92					746.92	746.92	
Thickly Settled Roads	1,400.00					1,400.00	1,354.25	45.75
Chapter 90 Roads	500.00				500.00	1,000.00	999.51	.49
Snow Emergency Note	1,500.00					1,500.00	1,500.00	
Ch. 81 and Highway	4,650.00				4,722.55	9,372.55	9,299.46	73.09
Maintenance Road Machinery	1,000.00		8,398.00			1,083.98	1,083.98	
Snow and Washouts	1,000.00	$1,071.73	500.00			2,571.73	2,149.35	422.38
Sidewalks, Railings, Bridges	100.00					100.00	46.61	53.39
Rocks Bridge	650.00					650.00	324.19	325.81

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(*Continued*)

	Appropriations	Balance	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Street Lighting	$3,776.42					$3,776.42	$3,776.42	
State Aid	120.00					120.00		$120.00
Public Welfare	18,000.00		$4,100.73		$7.00	22,107.73	22,104.52	3.21
Mothers' Aid	1,500.00					1,500.00	1,497.42	2.58
Old Age Assistance	25,000.00		500.00		30.75	25,530.75	25,110.94	419.81
Soldiers' Relief	3,600.00		267.29			3,867.29	3,866.85	.44
School Committee	175.00					175.00	175.00	
Schools	28,250.00				147.50	28,397.50	28,397.01	.49
Public Library	1,000.00				535.43	1,535.43	1,535.43	
Vocational Aid	300.00					300.00	63.00	237.00
W.P.A. Sidewalk, East Main St.	500.00					500.00	498.66	1.34
Oiling Streets	500.00					500.00	430.97	69.03
W.P.A. Water Ext., Church St.	1,250.00					1,250.00	1,109.66	140.34
Bill, H. F. Davis	28.50					28.50	28.50	
W.P.A. Drain, Pleasant St.	1,250.00					1,250.00	1,143.44	106.56
Playground Commission	150.00					150.00	149.31	.69
Lighting Town Buildings	569.12					569.12	569.12	
Memorial Day	150.00					150.00	133.13	16.87
W.P.A.	6,000.00	$1,377.94			4,000.00	11,377.94	11,090.42	287.52
Insurance	2,300.00					2,300.00	1,768.67	531.33
Interest	600.00					600.00	372.97	227.03

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(*Concluded*)

	Appropriations	Balance	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Reserve Fund	$500.00			$500.00				
Municipal Loan Note	1,000.00					$1,000.00	$1,000.00	
Vital Statistics	75.00					75.00	73.50	$1.50
Water in Town Buildings	329.64					329.64	329.64	
Printing Town Reports	293.52					293.52	293.52	
Emb. and Imp. Cemetery Lots	275.00					275.00	273.22	1.78
Cemeteries	1,000.00				$224.08	1,224.08	1,216.85	7.23
	$131,521.12	$2,519.00	$6,089.18	$500.00	$10,250.31	$149,879.61	$145,429.91	$4,449.70

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Balance Dec. 31, 1938	Transfers In	Trans-fers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Taxes 1939				$66.30	$66.30	$66.30	
Excise 1937				5.34	5.34	5.34	
Excise 1938				11.30	11.30	11.30	
Excise 1939				88.42	88.42	88.42	
State Tax	‡$2,514.83			7,718.23	5,203.40	5,180.97	$22.43
Ch. 90 Highway				1,499.88	1,499.88	1,500.00	*.12
Ch. 81 Highway	611.06			981.76	1,592.82	1,600.00	†7.18
County Tax	30.86			2,558.70	2,589.56	2,563.06	26.50
Revenue Loans	20,000.00			75,000.00	95,000.00	65,000.00	30,000.00
Gift of Teachers	87.83				87.83	87.83	
Sealers' Fees				1.80	1.80	1.80	
Reserved for Payment Tax Title Loans	55.30			4,190.13	4,245.43	4,245.43	
Dog Fees Collected				195.00	195.00	195.00	
Trust Funds in Transit				1,225.00	1,225.00	1,225.00	
Ch. 498 Acts 1938 Highway	1,160.64				1,160.64	851.49	309.15
Purchase Truck		$900.00			900.00	900.00	
Aid to Dep. Children U. S.	30.27			428.38	458.65	404.91	53.74
Aid to Dep. Children U. S. Admx				40.10	40.10	.06	40.04
Old Age, U. S. Admx	443.02			661.52	1,104.54	609.18	495.36

*Due from Ch. 90
†Due from Ch. 81.
‡Amount Due State.

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED—*(Concluded)*

	Balance Dec. 31, 1938	Transfers In	Trans-fers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Old Age, U. S.	$1,478.02			$19,834.35	$21,312.37	$18,732.46	$2,579.91
Repairs to Tax Title Possessions		$48.00			48.00	48.00	
Kimball Park				74.50	74.50	74.50	
Light Maintenance and Con. Deposits	1,802.40		$4,345.54	39,359.02	36,815.88	32,016.72	4,799.16
Water Maintenance	80.26			12,468.83	12,549.09	12,293.98	255.11
Tax Collector 1933	.58				.58	.13	.45
Tax Collector 1934	21.90				21.90	1.23	20.67
Tax Collector 1935	55.80				55.80	2.19	53.61
Tax Collector 1936	46.01				46.01	5.20	40.81
Tax Collector 1937	267.17				267.17	142.37	124.80
Tax Collector 1938	513.74				513.74	239.47	274.27
	$158,210.15	$7,037.18	$4,845.54	$176,658.87	$337,060.66	$293,522.25	$43,538.41

RECAPITULATION

Appropriations	$131,521.12		
Accounts Balances	26,689.03		
	$158,210.15		
Transferred to Accounts:			
To Repairs to Fire Alarms	$337.18		From Surplus Revenue
To Board of Health	300.00		From Surplus Revenue
To Road Machinery Maintenance	83.98		From Reserve Fund
To Snow and Washouts	500.00		From Surplus Revenue
To Welfare	300.73		From Reserve Fund
To Welfare	3,800.00		From Surplus Revenue
To Old Age	500.00		From Surplus Revenue
To Soldiers' Relief	200.00		From Surplus Revenue
To Soldiers' Relief	67.29		From Reserve Fund
To Purchase of Truck	900.00		From Road Machinery Fund
To Repairs Tax Title Property	48.00		From Reserve Fund
		$165,247.33	
Transferred from Accounts:			
From Reserve Fund	$500.00		To Accounts Above
From Light Department	4,345.54		To Revenue
		$4,845.54	
		$160,401.79	
Refunds and Receipts		176,658.87	
		$337,060.66	
Payments		293,522.25	
Balances, December 31, 1939		$43,538.41	

FINAL BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1939

Assets

Cash:	
General	$12,612.99
Light Depreciation Fund	21,203.06
Taxes:	
1930	5.77
1931	.50
1933	15.55
1934	186.08
1935	228.60
1936 Poll	222.00
1936 Real and Personal	586.45
1937 Poll	216.00
1937 Personal and Real	1,195.76
1938 Poll	482.00
1938 Personal and Real	17,637.16
1939 Poll	576.00
1939 Personal and Real	36,737.43
Moth:	
1931	1.50
1935	.10
1936	12.00
1937	11.00
1938	17.01
1939	19.75

Liabilities

Temporary Loans	$30,000.00
Revenue Reserved until collected:	
Excise	1,071.26
Moth	61.36
Departmental	14,444.74
Tax Titles	25,628.10
Surplus Revenue E. & D.	27,665.82
Light	2,422.51
Water	644.32
Other Balances:	
Old Age Due State	43.00
Sale of Lots 1939	385.00
Bond Premium	3.00
Light Consumers' Deposits	645.00
State Aid	10.00
Overlay 1934	68.30
Overlay 1935	71.32
Overlay 1936	238.86
Overlay 1937	130.61
Overlay 1938	633.86
State Aid to Highways	72.55
Overlay 1933	28.33
Old Age Taxes 1933	1.00
Overlay Surplus	92.94

FINAL BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1939—*(Concluded)*

Motor Vehicle Excise:	
1931	$4.97
1932	.80
1933	2.62
1934	5.36
1935	49.11
1936	259.40
1937	355.15
1938	134.98
1939	258.87
Old Age Abatements	93.00
Overlay 1939	423.80
State Aid to Highways Revenue	72.55
Health	1,024.05
Mothers' Aid	1,467.45
Public Welfare	7,646.16
Old Age Assistance	4,307.08
Tax Titles	20,465.69
County Aid to Main St. Highway	11.29
Tax Titles Possessions	5,162.41
Advance Town Office	10.00
Advance Light and Water Office	125.00
Light Dept. Acc. Rec. Light	307.71
Light Dept. Acc. Rec. Miscellaneous	2,114.80
Water Dept. Acc. Rec. Rates	512.30
Water Dept. Acc. Rec. Miscellaneous	94.02
Water Liens 1934	38.00
	$136,913.28

Other Balances:	
State Tax	$11.13
Collector 1933	.45
Collector 1934	20.67
Collector 1935	53.61
Collector 1936	40.81
Collector 1937	124.80
Collector 1938	274.27
Collector 1939	450.10
W.P.A. Co-ordinator	69.33
Ch. 498 Acts 1938, Water Street	309.15
Main St. Ch. 90	163.86
Road Machinery	1,066.08
Aid to Dependent Children U.S. Grant	53.74
Aid to Dependent Children Admx. U.S. Grant	40.04
Old Age Admx. U.S. Grant	495.36
Old Age U.S. Grant	2,579.91
W.P.A. Sidewalk, East Main St	1.34
W.P.A. Water Extension, Church St	140.34
W.P.A. Pleasant St. Drain, Merrimacport	106.56
W.P.A	287.52
Legal Expense for Playground	650.00
Light Maintenance	4,154.16
Light Depreciation	21,203.06
Water Maintenance	255.11
	$136,913.28

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Town Treasurer	$53,955.85	Library Funds	$2,005.02
		Thos. H. Hoyt Funds	22,577.85
		Kimball Park Funds	3,062.85
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	26,310.13
	$53,955.85		$53,955.85

LIABILITIES

Net Debt			
Temporary Loans	$800.00	Ch. 81 State Highway Reimbursement	$300.00
		Ch. 90 State Highway Reimbursement	500.00
	$800.00		$800.00
Fixed Debt	$20,039.70	Municipal Relief Loan	$2,000.00
		Tax Titles	5,000.00
		Tax Titles	3,750.00
		Tax Titles	5,000.00
		Tax Title	4,000.00
		Tax Title	289.70
	$20,039.70		$20,039.70

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
M. S. Sargent	$100.00	$115.16	$2.89	$3.00	$115.05
Eliza M. Sawyer (Thos. Sawyer lot)	114.00	114.41	2.87	3.00	114.28
Emily S. Goodwin (Patten Sargent lot)	250.00	294.87	7.41	5.00	297.28
John L. and Sophia Merrill	200.00	238.03	5.99	9.20	234.82
Moses Goodrich	100.00	101.21	2.54	2.00	101.75
W. A. Paine (Henry Sargent lot)	50.00	52.79	1.31	2.00	52.10
J. E. Prescott	200.00	212.52	5.18	6.00	211.70
Rhoda S. Poore (Daniel Poore lot)	300.00	402.49	10.12	9.86	402.75
Rhoda S. Poore (Fred Sargent lot)	200.00	298.22	7.49	10.34	295.37
Otis W. Little	200.00	271.02	6.82	9.00	268.84
Susan G. Sargent (Westerly half J. B. Sargent lot)	75.00	88.98	2.23	3.50	87.71
Henrietta B. Sargent (W. P. Colby lot)	250.00	367.20	9.23	10.46	365.97
Caroline S. Noyes (Somerby Noyes lot)	100.00	104.56	2.61	4.00	103.17
Warren Sargent	100.00	102.82	2.58	3.00	102.40
Ruth Rowell (Jacob Rowell and Charles Dow lot)	200.00	297.88	7.47	7.42	297.93
Sarah Pattee (Asa Ford, Sarah Pattee lot)	175.00	210.81	5.29	9.86	206.24
Sarah Pattee (William Gunnison lot)	125.00	129.24	3.24	5.00	127.48
I. B. Little	337.87	357.43	8.97	8.00	358.40
John Bancroft	50.00	51.49	1.29	2.00	50.78
Aaron Bancroft	50.00	50.59	1.27	1.50	50.36
Thomas D. Nelson	1.50	159.45	4.00	9.78	153.67
Mabel J. Shepardson (Isaac Jones lot)	100.00	102.42	2.57	4.00	100.99

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Continued*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
Henry E. Crosby	$65.00	$125.39	$3.14	$3.50	$125.03
A. Linda Little	150.00	183.52	4.60	6.50	181.62
Etta H. Colby	100.00	102.49	2.57	3.00	102.06
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt	100.00	107.64	2.69	3.00	107.33
Phineas Chase	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.00	100.51
Charles A. Bridges	100.00	100.18	2.51	2.00	100.69
Louise Clement (John Clement lot)	100.00	137.38	3.45	5.00	135.83
Carrie S. Noyes	150.00	161.26	4.05	5.00	160.31
W. O. Smiley (William and Francis Smiley)	100.00	109.42	2.74	6.00	106.16
Hattie and Carrie Baxter	100.00	112.37	2.81	4.00	111.18
Parmelia Trefethan (Ephraim Trefethan)	100.00	126.19	3.17	4.00	125.36
Ide E. Stevens	125.00	131.15	3.29	4.00	130.44
Mary A. Chase (G. W. Chase lot)	100.00	108.17	2.71	3.50	107.38
Stuart, Chase and Sargent	100.00	155.92	3.90	4.50	155.32
Charles A. Noyes (Charles. H. Noyes lot)	75.00	75.40	1.89	1.50	75.79
M. W. R. Downing (John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols lot)	125.00	127.26	3.19	3.00	127.45
William Gilday	150.00	200.23	5.03	5.26	200.00
Moses Stevens	100.00	109.13	2.74	5.00	106.87
Elizabeth M. Cooper (Joseph Cooper lot)	100.00	103.09	2.59	3.00	102.68
Amos Weed	100.00	108.80	2.73	3.00	108.53
Adelaine Whittier	100.00	109.09	2.74	1.00	110.83
E. Fannie Bradley (Donald Bradley)	100.00	106.28	2.67	2.00	106.95

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Continued*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
Porter Sargent (Bailey Sargent lot)	$150.00	$150.00	$3.77	$3.00	$150.77
Addie F. Sargent (Charles Sawyer lot)	100.00	101.20	2.54	3.00	100.74
Melville S. Gibbs	50.00	50.43	1.27	1.00	50.70
Arthur C. Sargent	100.00	110.07	2.77	4.00	108.84
Heirs of A. R. Kimball	100.00	103.07	2.59	4.00	101.66
George E. Ricker (J. W. Sargent lot)	100.00	100.90	2.53	2.00	101.43
Alfred G. Wells (A. G. Wells, A. K. Nichols and Patriquin)	100.00	228.10	5.73	6.00	227.83
Stephen C. Parsons	200.00	230.91	5.79	5.20	231.50
Alfred H. Colby (A. M. Colby lot)	100.00	100.35	2.51	2.00	100.86
George S. Sargent	100.00	103.26	2.59	4.00	101.85
Frank Ward	200.00	233.92	5.86	6.00	233.78
R. W. Sargent and Moulton	100.00	109.66	2.75	4.00	108.41
Samuel C. Pease	150.00	154.78	3.88	5.00	153.66
Agnes F. Judkins (George W. and Olive O. Judkins)	150.00	167.02	4.20	5.00	166.22
Willard D. Sargent (Ed. P. Sargent lot)	200.00	255.34	6.41	5.00	256.75
Everett Carleton (Richard Stoyle lot)	100.00	106.63	2.67	4.00	105.30
A. E. Porter (S. L. Porter and Mary Emery lot)	150.00	169.56	4.25	4.00	169.81
Donald Mac Diarmid	150.00	176.51	4.43	4.00	176.94
William H. Young	100.00	102.91	2.58	3.00	102.49
Mary A. Hoyt (Thomas Hoyt lot)	200.00	208.01	5.23	4.00	209.24
Willard D. Sargent (Nicholas Sargent lot)	50.00	105.90	2.65	3.00	105.55
Willard D. Sargent (Moses Sargent lot)	50.00	105.90	2.65	6.00	102.55

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Continued*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
Lilla P. Larraway (H. W. Larraway lot)	$100.00	$105.71	$2.65	$3.00	$105.36
Warren E. Wallace	100.00	126.97	3.18	3.00	127.15
Justin Clement	75.00	89.22	2.24	3.00	88.46
Emma P. Emerson (Alfred Chase lot)	100.00	102.22	2.57	3.00	101.79
John W. Foster	150.00	163.61	4.10	5.00	162.71
John H. Cleary	100.00	107.31	2.69	4.00	106.00
M. A. Gassett	100.00	108.55	2.71	4.50	106.76
J. W. Johnson	100.00	101.10	2.54	3.00	100.64
William Greeley	100.00	110.18	2.77	5.00	107.95
Moses S. Brown	100.00	101.76	2.55	3.00	101.31
John B. Judkins	350.00	513.62	12.91	9.00	517.53
Henry C. Fox	100.00	110.10	2.77	4.00	108.87
George G. Larkin (Little, Larkin and Larkin lot)	300.00	301.29	7.57	3.00	305.86
Addie Haley	100.00	102.79	2.58	4.00	101.37
Jacob F. Crosby	100.00	104.11	2.61	4.00	102.72
Willis H. Scott	75.00	87.41	2.19	4.00	85.60
Herbert F. Chase (Enoch Chase lot)	100.00	102.34	2.57	3.00	101.91
Joseph H. Leavitt	100.00	113.08	2.84	4.00	111.92
William Betts	150.00	161.93	4.05	4.50	161.48
Horace J. Batchelder and George H. Nichols lot	200.00	208.38	5.23	7.00	206.61
James D. Pike	100.00	110.84	2.78	5.00	108.62
Gustavus D. Veal (G. Veal and George Grant lot)	100.00	101.53	2.54	3.00	101.07

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Continued*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
Edward Sherman	$100.00	$100.87	$2.53	$2.00	$101.40
Charles E. Rowell	150.00	153.74	3.85	4.95	152.64
Erastus Sargent	100.00	110.52	2.77	4.00	109.29
Mary E. Robinson	150.00	166.30	4.18	4.00	166.48
Charles Wallace and Helen Chamberlain lot	100.00	101.46	2.54	3.00	101.00
Frank C. Williams	100.00	106.37	2.67	4.00	105.04
Melville A. Cunningham	100.00	107.47	2.69	4.00	106.16
Daniel M. Means	100.00	103.99	2.60	4.00	102.59
Judson Jewitt	100.00	108.10	2.71	4.00	106.81
Conrad Kippenberger	50.00	50.65	1.27	1.00	50.92
Herbert C. Oak	150.00	152.28	3.83	5.00	151.11
Walter L. Chaloner	170.00	201.34	5.05	4.00	202.39
Benjamin Rowell	50.00	71.13	1.79	2.00	70.92
Moses Sawyer	50.00	67.14	1.68	2.00	66.82
Charles S. Lockwood	100.00	104.48	2.61	4.00	103.09
Fred B. Porter	100.00	105.12	2.64	3.00	104.76
Rufus H. Bennett	100.00	109.36	2.74	3.00	109.10
Thomas Hoyt	150.00	154.98	3.88	4.00	154.86
N. L. and Ella S. Howe	100.00	109.32	2.74	3.00	109.06
Edmund Richer	100.00	101.09	2.54	3.00	100.63
Tappan Sargent and Franklin Sargent	100.00	104.24	2.61	3.00	103.85
Arthur W. Sawyer	100.00	106.67	2.68	3.50	105.85

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Continued*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
George H. Tilton	$100.00	$110.32	$2.77	$3.50	$109.59
Moses S. Flanders	50.00	56.17	1.40	2.50	55.07
Thomas Goodrich lot	150.00	152.01	3.81	4.75	151.07
Fred W. Cate	100.00	101.12	2.54	3.00	100.66
Mary A. Noyes	100.00	111.81	2.80	3.00	111.61
Clara M. Kendall	200.00	216.83	5.44	4.50	217.77
Daniel Gould	100.00	100.95	2.53	2.50	100.98
David Tewksbury and Thomas Merrill	150.00	152.93	3.83	4.00	152.76
Stephen Nichols	100.00	101.31	2.54	3.00	100.85
Betsy A. Veal	100.00	100.96	2.53	2.00	101.49
Frank Hargraves	100.00	103.13	2.59	4.00	101.72
John W. Logan	100.00	101.76	2.55	3.00	101.31
Charles Colman	100.00	103.43	2.59	3.00	103.02
Julia Whaland	150.00	161.05	4.05	4.00	161.10
Norman S. Cole	100.00	100.06	2.51	2.00	100.57
Mary Ordway	100.00	101.42	2.54	3.00	100.96
John T. Lovett	150.00	152.57	3.83	4.00	152.40
William H. Franklin	100.00	101.79	2.55	3.00	101.34
Helen G. Linden	100.00	101.84	2.55	3.00	101.39
Clifton B. Heath	150.00	155.65	3.90	4.00	155.55
Mary E. Sargent (Orlando Sargent lot)	100.00	101.01	2.54	2.50	101.05
John K. Sargent	100.00	111.18	2.79	1.50	112.47

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Continued*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
Mary H. Sargent (Hayden Sargent lot)	$100.00	$101.09	$2.54	$3.00	$100.63
Roswell J. Eaton	100.00	102.24	2.57	3.00	101.81
John Currier (John Currier lot)	150.00	158.01	3.97	4.00	157.98
John Currier (Church St. Cemetery)	125.00	127.04	3.19	4.00	126.23
Single Graves	30.00	91.48	2.29	3.00	90.77
Annie M. Sargent (John L. Sargent)	125.00	128.89	3.23	3.00	129.12
Fred R. Weed	200.00	223.09	5.60	1.50	227.19
Mary J. Murphy (J. H. Murphy lot)	100.00	100.61	2.51	2.50	100.62
Edward H. Preble	125.00	128.82	3.23	3.00	129.05
Edwin S. Lane	100.00	101.32	2.54	3.00	100.86
Elbridge D. Young	100.00	104.71	2.63	2.50	104.84
Mary E. Hoyt (Frederick Nichols)	150.00	154.98	3.88	4.00	154.86
Harriet E. Story (F. A. Sargent and Story lot)	100.00	103.36	2.59	4.00	101.95
Phillip E. Quimby	100.00	103.53	2.59	3.00	103.12
Rebecca P. Little (Albert Sargent lot)	200.00	202.86	5.09	4.00	203.95
Clarence T. Allison	100.00	102.18	2.57	3.25	101.50
Sarah B. Titcomb (Eva J. Titcomb)	100.00	100.64	2.51	2.00	101.15
John Heald	200.00	210.99	5.29	3.00	213.28
Jennie Prescott	100.00	101.99	2.55	3.50	101.04
Annie Tuttle (Amos Small-Lawson lot)	100.00	105.17	2.64	1.00	106.81
Benjamin F. Sargent	300.00	311.16	7.83	4.50	314.49
Ralph H. Sargent	100.00	100.85	2.53	2.50	100.88

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Continued*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
Fullington-Ashley lot	$100.00	$100.59	$2.51	$2.50	$100.60
Laura Patten	200.00	205.74	5.16	4.50	206.40
George G. Crouse	100.00	100.57	2.51	2.50	100.58
Nellie M. Hall (Thomas Fraser lot)	100.00	101.32	2.54	2.50	101.36
Lottie Hopkins (Nichols and Hopkins lot)	100.00	102.35	2.57	3.00	101.92
Louise C. Brackett (William C. Russell)	100.00	101.06	2.54	3.00	100.60
Marion Armstrong (Armstrong and McInnes lot)	400.00	403.80	10.14	9.00	404.94
Thomas S. Haynes	100.00	101.30	2.54	2.50	101.34
Frank M. Haynes	100.00	103.09	2.59	.75	104.93
Fred L. Parker	150.00	153.07	3.84	3.00	153.91
Dr. F. E. Sweetsir	350.00	350.72	8.82	8.00	351.54
William Pettigrew	100.00	104.57	2.61		107.18
Fred S. Hardwick	100.00	101.57	2.54	3.00	101.11
J. Melville Clement	100.00	103.36	2.59	3.00	102.95
Edwin S. McKay	100.00	101.14	2.54	2.00	101.68
Henry A. Stickney	150.00	151.91	3.80	3.00	152.71
B. F. Hardwick	150.00	154.09	3.88		157.97
Anna L. Sargent (Orlando Sargent)	150.00	151.59	3.80	3.00	152.39
Anna R. Sargent (O. F. Seavey, M. D.)	150.00	151.09	3.79	3.00	151.88
Ellsie G. Matthews	200.00	201.11	5.05	3.00	203.16
Sarah Spiller (Fred Burnham lot)	200.00	203.61	5.12	2.00	206.73
Herbert E. Whitney	100.00	100.00	2.51		102.51

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(*Concluded*)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '38 Balance	Interest	With-drawn	Dec. 31, '39 Balance
F. W. Mathison	$100.00	$100.04	$2.51	$1.00	$101.55
Judson Webster	125.00	126.56	3.18	2.50	127.24
Frederick W. Carter	200.00	200.00	5.03	2.50	202.53
Ethel Goodwin (Charles Goodwin lot)	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.00	100.51
L. J. Bagley	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.00	100.51
Samuel W. Condon	150.00	150.00	3.14	2.00	151.14
Samuel L. Porter (Joseph N. Porter lot)	150.00	150.00	3.14	1.50	151.64
Added Since December 31, 1938					
Benjamin B. Wood	150.00		1.35		151.35
May Belle Brown	100.00		1.25		101.25
Norman M. Hunter	200.00		1.25		201.25
Ida C. Toby	100.00		.21		100.21
John E. Bean	75.00				75.00
Mary E. Tuxbury	150.00				150.00
Maud G. Carter	100.00				100.00
		$25,467.61	$641.60	$674.08	$26,310.13

KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1938	Interest	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1939
Amos Weed	$1,860.86	$2,001.59	$50.34	$50.00	$2,001.93
Judith Kimball	1,000.00	1,058.79	26.63	24.50	1,060.92
		$3,060.38	$76.97	$74.50	$3,062.85

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Merrimac Savings Bank—Electric Light—Depreciation Fund		$15,336.18	$385.79		$15,721.97
Provident Institution—Electric Light—Depreciation Fund		2,673.35	$67.24		2,740.59
Pentucket Savings Bank—Electric Light—Depreciation Fund		2,673.27	67.23		2,740.50
		$20,682.80	$520.26		$21,203.06

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1938	Interest	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1939
James Whittier	$487.07	$693.36	$17.44	$46.00	$664.80
D. J. Poore	500.00	562.93	14.14	1.93	575.14
A. E. Goodwin	200.00	230.12	5.79		235.91
Laura Patten	500.00	516.19	12.98		529.17
Thomas H. Hoyt		9,962.91	252.44	487.50	10,077.85
			350.00		
Balances shown in Merrimac Savings Bank Books		$11,965.51	$652.79	$535.43	$12,082.87
Haverhill Savings Bank, T. H. Hoyt Fund		5,000.00	125.00	125.00	5,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank, T. H. Hoyt Fund		7,500.00	225.00	225.00	7,500.00
		$24,465.51	$1,002.79	$885.43	$24,582.87

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX ss.

To James P. Donahue, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall in Merrimac on

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1940

at six o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three members of the Department of Public Welfare for one year, one Assessor for three years, Treasurer for one year, Collector of Taxes for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, one Commissioner of Playground for one year, one Commissioner of Playground for two years, one Commissioner of Playground for three years, one Commissioner of Playground for four years, one Commissioner of Playground for five years, one Commissioner of Municipal Light Board for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, and a Tree Warden for one year, and in accordance with Chapter 183, Acts of 1939 General Laws, to vote on the following question namely—

Question 1. (Part 1). Shall the town vote to have the office of Chief of Police placed within the classified Civil Service?

Yes	
No	

(Part 2). If it is voted to place the office of Chief of Police within the classified Civil Service, shall the town vote to provide for the continuance in said office of James P. Donahue, the present incumbent thereof, after passing a qualifying examination?

Yes	
No	

In voting under this article the Polls may be closed not earlier than four o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To determine what sum of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1940 and make appropriation for the same.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the Maintenance of Road Machinery to keep road machinery in operation, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery account.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1941 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Co-ordinator (for the term of one year) of W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief projects, who may be a member of the Board of Selectmen and to fix the amount of compensation to be paid therefor, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand ($6,000.00) dollars to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen for W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief projects.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the members of the Merrimac Bureau of Old Age Assistance who may or may not be members of the Board of Public Welfare,

said compensation to be paid from any available funds granted by the Federal Government for Administrative purposes.

Article 9. To see what action the Town will take to provide a list of candidates for the 1941 Citizens Caucus, whose nominees shall be placed on the ballot as candidates at the Annual Town Meeting of 1941.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and eighty-five ($385.00) dollars from the sale of Cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "care, improvement and embellishment" of said Cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 o fthe General Laws.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of oiling thickly settled streets (other than Chapter 81) or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty ($650.00) dollars to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion, said sum to be transferred from Legal Expenses of Playground Commission.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of four thousand one hundred fifty-nine dollars and thirty-one cents ($4,159.31) from the Electric Light Operating balance to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1940.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars for the improvement of Chapter 90 (General Laws) Road Maintenance work, said sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars or any portion thereof to be used in conjunction with any money which may be alloted by the State or County or both for this purpose.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets (other than Chapter 81.)

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purchase of a sand spreader to be used by the Highway Department.

Article 18. On petition of Rudolph Woyvoda and twenty-one others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 21 to 25 inclusive of Chapter 136 of the General Laws, providing for certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty ($750.00) dollars for the purchase of a compressed air tank, and installation of same for the Fire Alarm system.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase an automobile for the Health Nurse.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase a new sprayer to be placed at the disposal of the Moth Department, to be used in spraying shade trees in the community.

Article 22. On petition of Francis E. Bishop and thirty others to see if the town will vote to accept the following streets and install electric lights for the same; Meadow Ave., 500 ft.; Fern Ave., 400 ft.; Lake Ave., 200 ft.; Pine Bluff Ave., 300 ft.; Merrimac Ave., 550 ft.; Oak Circle, 200 ft. A total of approximately 2100 ft.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred ($1,600.00) dollars for W.P.A., which may be used on a State Wide Secondary Road Project, Co-Sponsored by the State Department of Public Works and the Town.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to extend a six inch water main from the corner of Sawyer and Nichols Streets along Nichols Street to the corner of Nichols and Winter Streets and place a hydrant at the corner of Nichols and Winter Streets;

also extend a one and one-half inch main from said hydrant along Winter Street to the residence of Loren H. Wallace, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for same.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of hree thousand ($3,000.00) dollars from the surplus revenue acount to the estimated receipts for the year 1940 for the purpose of reducing the 1940 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty ($250.00) dollars for Board of Registrars Expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 of the Acts and Resolves of the General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1940.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer be made.

Article 28. On petition of William A. Leach and twenty others, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a town street the Mapleton Road, so called a private way running from Billings Road to Pinehurst Road, being about 850 feet in length, as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, provided the abutters will release the town from any damage which may be caused by laying out, construction and taking of land.

Article 29. On petition of William A. Leach and twenty others, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a town street the Billings Road, so called, a private way running from Bellmore Road to Mapleton Road a distance of 180 feet in length, as shown on a

plan on file with the Town Clerk, provided the abutters will release the Town from any damage which may be caused by laying out, construction, and taking of land.

Article 30. On petition of Camille Henry and twenty others to see if the Town will vote to resurface Billings Road from Bellmore Road to Mapleton Road and Mapleton Road from Billings Road to Pinehurst Road, as part of a W.P.A. project.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this eighth day of February, 1940.

FREDERICK A. SMALL,
FRED T. HOPKINSON,
RICHARD E. SARGENT,

Selectmen of Merrimac.

A true copy, Attest.

JAMES P. DONAHUE,

Constable.

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

JAMES P. DONAHUE,

Constable.

Merrimac, Mass., February 8, 1940.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In accordance with the By-laws of the Town of Merrimac and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations to be made for the year 1940.

General Government

Moderator		$12.00
Selectmen (Chairman)	$450.00	
Selectmen (Clerk)	125.00	
Selectmen (Other)	100.00	675.00
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses		400.00
Public Welfare (Chairman)	200.00	
Public Welfare (Clerk)	200.00	
Public Welfare (Other)	100.00	500.00
Town Accountant		1,300.00
Town Accountant's Expense		125.00
Treasurer		450.00
Treasurer's Expense		800.00
Tax Collector		800.00
Tax Collector's Expense		600.00
Assessors (Chairman)	275.00	
Assessors (Other two each $187.50)	375.00	650.00
Assessors' Expense		175.00
Town Clerk		225.00
Town Clerk's Expense		50.00
Registrars of Voters		112.50
Town Hall Maintenance:		
Janitor of Town Offices	240.00	
Maintenance	1,000.00	1,240.00
Town Hall Repairs		100.00
Bonding Town Officers		310.00
Election Officers		240.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police	$3,450.00
Fire Engineers	200.00
Fire Department	2,800.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	90.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses	40.00
Inspector of Wiring	90.00
Inspector of Wiring Expenses	5.00
Dog Officer (to cover fees)	100.00
Moth Department	900.00
Tree Warden	250.00
Town Forest	500.00
Forest Fire Warden	150.00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	1,250.00
Public Health Nurse and Expense	1,050.00
Inspector of Animals	100.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	20.00
Inspector of Milk	20.00
Essex County T. B. Hospital	769.53

Highway Department

Highway Department, Chap. 81 Streets	4,650.00
Snow and Washouts	1,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00
Rocks Bridge	650.00
Street Light	3,595.83

Charities

State Aid	120.00
Public Welfare	18,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children or Mothers' Aid	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	25,000.00

Schools and Libraries

School Committee (Chairman).....	$50.00	
School Committee (Clerk).....	75.00	
School Committee (Other).....	50.00	$175.00
School Department.....		27,450.00
Public Library.....		1,000.00

Unclassified

Memorial Day (American Legion)....	150.00
Vocational Aid.....	300.00
Lighting Town Buildings.....	563.48
Insurance.....	2,300.00
Reserve Fund.....	500.00
Interest.....	500.00
Cemeteries.....	1,000.00
Municipal Loan Note.....	1,000.00
Vital Statistics.....	75.00
Water in Town Buildings.....	317.64
Printing Town Reports.....	275.00
	$114,870.98

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. SARGENT, *Chairman,*
W. H. FRANKLIN, *Secretary,*
HERMAN F. DAVIS,
HARRY A. PEASE,
JAMES T. COLGAN,

Merrimac Finance Committee.

VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION

March 6, 1939

Votes Cast (536 Men, 471 Women), Total 1,007

Moderator, for one year:

*Clifford R. Howe, Forest Street	809
Blanks	198

Town Clerk, for one year:

*C. Howard Phillips, Church Street	823
Blanks	184

Selectmen, for one year:

Hazen M. Emery, Judkins Ct	403
*Fred T. Hopkinson, Locust Street	466
Andrew O. Nicol, Pleasant Street	228
*Richard E. Sargent, Bear Hill Street	467
*Frederick A. Small, East Main Street	471
Albert P. Wadleigh, Church Street	413
Blanks	573

Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

*Hazen M. Emery, Judkins Court	466
*Fred T. Hopkinson, Locust Street	534
Edwin S. McKay, Nichols Street	134
Andrew O. Nicol, Pleasant Street	366
Albert P. Wadleigh, Church Street	390
*Ellen M. Wallace, Central Street	449
Blanks	682

Assessor, for three years:

*Clifford R. Howe, Forest Street	565
Harry A. Pease, Main Street	365
Blanks	77

Treasurer, for one year:

*Roy C. Journeay, Prospect Street	833
Blanks	174

Collector of Taxes, for one year:

Edgar J. Davis, Main Street	107
*Fred C. Twombly, Grove Street	841
Blanks	59

School Committee, for three years:

*Annie L. Tucker, Locust Street	759
Blanks	248

Trustee of Cemeteries, for three years:

Arthur D. Bridge, Union Street	357
*Richard A. Sargent, Main Street	500
Blanks	150

Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years:

*Herman F. Davis, Main Street	634
Blanks	373

Library Trustees, for three years:

Harriet J. Davis, Main Street	302
*Grace F. Gibbs, Locust Street	488
*Abbie W. Sargent, School Street	454
Louise M. Waterhouse, Bear Hill Street	288
Blanks	482

Light Commissioner, for three years:

*Irvine G. Burbeck, East Main Street	461
Charles A. Lancaster, Locust Street	452
Blanks	94

Water Commissioner, for three years:

Irvine G. Burbeck, East Main Street	421
*Charles A. Lancaster, Locust Street	497
Blanks	89

Constables, for one year:

George R. Buzzell, School Street	454
*James P. Donahue, Lincoln Street	746
*Leon L. Dow, Mechanic Street	735
*George W. Goldsmith, School Street	486
Blanks	600

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark:

*Ralph L. Buzzelle, School Street	652
*George R. Hoyt, Birch Meadow	655
*Edson C. Walker, Birch Meadow	709
Blanks	1,005

Tree Warden, for one year:

*Samuel C. Doust, Church Street	704
Blanks	303

Playground Commission, for one year:

*Kenneth G. Fowle, Church Street	635
*Willard T. Kelly, Birch Meadow	590
*Burton C. Lafaver, Lincoln Street	667
*Isaiah S. McClure, Bear Hill Street	492
*Harvey A. Miner, Bear Hill Street	490
William H. Rafferty, Lake Attitash	397
Blanks	1,764

*Elected

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

1939

SCHOOL REPORT

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 70th Annual School Report.

WILLARD T. KELLY, *Chairman,*
ANNIE L. TUCKER, *Secretary,*
HOWARD L. DeLONG,

School Committee.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Continued from Calendar in 1938 Report)

All Dates Inclusive

February 26, 1940 to April 18, 1940 for all schools. . . . 8 weeks

April 19, 1940 to June 14, 1940 for Port and Centre Schools. . . . . 7 weeks

April 29, 1940 to graduation for High and Prospect Schools. . . . . 8 weeks

September 4, 1940 to December 20, 1940 for all schools. . . . . 15 weeks

December 30, 1940 to February 21, 1940 for High, Port and Prospect. . . . . 8 weeks

January 6, 1940 to February 21, 1940 for Centre School 7 weeks

Monday, June 17, 1940, Prospect Street School graduation.

Wednesday, June 19, 1940, High School graduation.

September 3, 1940, Registration Day for all entering pupils. Union Teachers' Meeting in the afternoon.

All schools will be closed on the following days: Memorial Day, May 30; Armistice Day, November 11; Thanksgiving recess, November 28 and 29; New Year's Day, January 1 (for High, Port, Prospect).

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

7:15 a.m. 11–11–long pause–1.	No school in grades only.
7:15 a.m. 11–11-11.	No school in all schools.
11:20 a.m. Same signals.	One session.
12:30 p.m. Same signals.	No school in afternoon

SCHOOL OFFICERS

John C. Page, Ed.D., Superintendent
Address: West Newbury — Tel. W. N. 52

Margaret R. Sawyer, Secretary
Address: West Newbury — Tel. W. N. 52

Alexander M. Sullivan, Supervisor of Attendance
Address: Locust Street — Tel. 4531

A. Frances Davis, M.D., School Physician
Address: 16 Main Street — Tel. 4311

Jean Badashaw, School Nurse
Address: 5 East Main Street — Tel. 3738

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF—OCTOBER, 1939

Position		Training	Total years experience	Years in Merrimac
High School				
Prin., math., science	Chauncey D. MacKay	B.S.E., Boston University, 1924	15	11
English	Isaiah Chase	A.B. '30, A.M. '32, Harvard	5	4
French and Latin	Maolyn D. Osgood	Ph.B., University Vermont, 1938	1	1
History	Roberta C. Annon	B.S., University New Hampshire '31	8	8
Commercial	Everdene Wiley	B.S. in Ed., Salem Teachers '36	2.6	1.6
Prospect Street School				
Prin. Grade 8	Ralph V. Murray	B.S. in Ed., Salem Teachers '35	1.5	1
Grade 7	Vera Dealy	B.L.I., Emerson College, 1933	3	3
Centre School				
Prin., Grade 6	A. Frances Pow*	Hyannis Normal	7	0
Grade 5	Marion E. Journeay	Portsmouth Training School '12	26	2
Grade 4	Edith A. Gillen	Bridgewater Teachers, 1934.	5	5
Grade 3	Sarah B. Titcomb	Salem Normal, 1905	25.5	18
Grade 2	Helen K. Manning	Bridgewater Normal, 1918	15	12.5
Grade 1	Elaine Blackden	Aroostook State Normal, 1923	13	3
Merrimacport School				
Special Class	Howard G. Patchett	B.A., Union '14; M.A., Clark '26	17	8
Drawing Supervisor	Annie A. Kelly	Mass. School of Art, 1906	29.5	13
Music Supervisor	Doris C. Currier	Institute of Music Pedagogy	17.5	8

*Mrs. Pow substituting for Mrs. Hardy during a leave of absence.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

At the Centre School, following the order of April 6 of Mr. Harold J. McCann, State Building Inspector, changes were made to comply more nearly with Item M of a communication to the chairman of the school committee dated September 12, 1934, namely, "Provide an approved heating and ventilating system capable of supplying at least thirty (30) cubic feet of fresh air per minute per pupil, and the removal of an equal volume." To this end, mixing pipes were installed for carrying outside fresh air to the middle and back furnaces. On the roof in back, two T-shaped Anti-Back-Draft tops were installed on the foul-air exit duct in order to attempt to prevent the occasional back-draft of cold air into the classrooms.

The W.P.A. project on school buildings did not mature in 1939 as was hoped. This project at both the High School and the Prospect Street school was for painting the buildings, puttying and weather-stripping the windows, and constructing walks; at the Centre School it was for refinishing the ceiling in the hall and office, and dividing the playground in the rear of the building.

Minor maintenance items during 1939 included the repair of curtains and desks, the usual summer cleaning and renovating supplemented by the painting of the boys' and girls' basements at Centre School, the building of a rack for twenty bicycles at the High School, the addition of one more section to the bookcase in the eighth grade room, and the raising of some of the desks in the sixth grade room which had previously been used for a lower grade.

On Wednesday, October 11, during Fire Prevention Week the Merrimac fire department, represented by Mr. Irvine G. Burbeck, again responded to the invitation to make its annual inspection of school buildings. The clearance time for fire drill in each building was well under a minute, even at Centre School.

ENROLLMENT

On the first of October the enrollment in the Merrimac public schools was 433, distributed as follows: At Centre 220, at Pros-

pect Street 68, at Merrimacport (special) 18, at High School 127. Further distribution was: At Centre, Mrs. Blackden (Grade I) 45, Mrs. Manning (Grade II) 28, Miss Titcomb (Grade III) 40, Miss Gillen (Grade IV) 38, Mrs. Journeay (Grade V) 38, Mrs. Pow, temporary (Grade VI) 31. At Prospect Street, Miss Dealey (Grade VII) 30, Mr. Murray (Grade VIII) 38. At High School, (Grade IX) 44, (X) 32, (XI) 27, (XII) 24.

TEACHING STAFF

During 1939 there were no resignations from the teaching staff but beginning in September Mrs. Elaine Blackden was transferred from the fourth grade to the first grade, Miss Edith Gillen from the first to the fourth, and Mrs. Louise Hardy was granted a leave of absence. In Mrs. Hardy's place Mrs. A. Frances Pow of Salisbury was temporary acting principal and sixth grade teacher. At the high school in early spring Miss Belle V. Larsen, a senior at Simmons College, was a cadet teacher in English under Mr. Isaiah Chase for a period of two weeks. During the summer Miss Everdene Wiley of the commercial department took a course at Boston University for credit towards a degree of Master of Commercial Science. On December 27 Miss Vera Dealy became Mrs. Dewar.

GENERAL SCHOOL NOTES

Throughout the winter and spring terms the pupils of Merrimac had considerable opportunity for visual education both through the combined film service arranged for with the use of the machine at the high school and through the "Chronicles of America" historical films issued by the Yale University Film Service and obtained at nominal cost with the use of a machine in combination with other towns of the district and neighboring cities and towns.

The annual standardized achievement tests in the various school subjects which are filed at the superintendent's office as a record of pupil and class progress were given to pupils below the high school on Monday, April 10. According to the 1939 results of these tests the work of grades two and seven deserve special commendation for showing total class medians well above

the national standard medians. Arithmetical reasoning and computation in the second grade and language usage, literature, and history and civics in the seventh grade were the highest points.

On Monday forenoon, May 29, at Sargent Hall, the usual combined Memorial Day exercises were held, Guests of honor, on the stage, were Mr. Edward Germain of the American Legion, Mrs. Frances Weeks of the Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. William Dwyer of the Women's Relief Corps. The address was by Mr. J. Bradford Davis of Haverhill.

On Wednesday evening, September 27, the school staff were guests of the Merrimac Grange 171.

During the days preceding the beginning of the dial telephone system in Merrimac on December 6, instruction for its use was given in the schools by representatives of the telephone company to pupils in grades five to twelve.

At the Centre School in February the attendance was very bad on account of colds, especially in the three lower grades. From a third to half the class were often absent. In November again an epidemic of whooping cough decimated the lower grades, especially the first two.

In September the enrollment of the first grade was so large that it was decided, beginning the thirteenth, to conduct the class in two platoons, in order that the children might be able to obtain the individual attention that they need. The morning platoon, from 8.30 to 11.30 contained twenty-four pupils including the eleven first-grade bus pupils, and the afternoon platoon from 12.30 to 3.30 contained nineteen pupils. In this extra work Mrs. Manning assisted Mrs. Blackden from 12.30, to 12.55 and from 2.45 to 3.30. In music and writing Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Blackden also exchanged; Mrs. Manning taught all the music for both first and second grades and Mrs. Blackden all the writing for both first and second grades.

In September the room of the principal and sixth grade teacher was moved downstairs, in front, and the fifth grade room upstairs, in front. New desks are needed here and in many other places throughout the building. New desks, in fact, are also needed at the Prospect Street School.

Throughout 1939 the art work in Merrimac schools seemed especially interesting and fruitful. Details will be found in the report of the art supervisor elsewhere. Suffice it here to note that the use of art as a means of understanding, interpreting, and knowing intimately the variety and beauty inherent in the facts of history, geography, literature, science, and everyday life is public school art at its best, call it functional art or correlated art or what you will. The story of how Miss Kelly has guided and stimulated the pupils and teachers in this sort of art is well told in her report. Many parents and citizens have had the opportunity to see exhibits of this 1939 art work in May at the schools or in the library. Miss Kelly has been much pleased with the work in art that Mr. Patchett's class has done at the Port school. In the window of Heath Ins. Co. there was an exhibit in May of the handiwork of this class. It included lamps, tables, book shelves, sleeve boards, tie racks, a Chinese checkerboard, bird houses, and ash stands.

At the Port school the emphasis in 1939 has remained on individual help in academic work, in spite of the large amount of hand work which has given variety and interest to the classroom. Early in the year, on Tuesday, January 24, Dr. Sidwell telephoned to notify this district that the clinic examiners were to come shortly in order to determine the class for the fall. The clinic came to Salisbury the following day and to Merrimac early in February. The question has been asked whether a pupil may go from the Port school directly to the high school. The answer is yes, if he has received in June a special class diploma he may in the fall go on to our own high school under the same conditions that a pupil who receives a diploma from the special class in Newbury or from the special class in Salisbury may go on to the neighboring high schools. (Neither Newbury nor Salisbury has its own high school.) The conditions are that he may enter in September on trial until the second set of ratings come out (which, in Merrimac, is early in January). If, at that time, he has passed three out of four of his full-time subjects he may stay as a regular freshman,—if not he must go to eighth grade to try over again for the fall. For the benefit of any who are not clear as to the requirements for a special class diploma, these requirements will here be stated. Special class practical

arts diplomas are granted to pupils who are to become sixteen years of age on or before the first day of October following the June in which they are granted, provided the pupil has attended school eight years altogether and provided further that the full school year which ends in the June when they are granted was spent in the special class and the work done during that year was pronounced satisfactory by the special class teacher.

Reports of Mr. Murray and Mr. MacKay concerning the Prospect Street School and the High School respectively are included at a later point in this report. Early in the year a few pupils under Miss Dealy conducted a project on the history of Merrimac which deserves mention. The pupils were Margaret Tanguay, George Lay, Nancy Clark, Shirley Breed, and Jean Foisy. The seventh grade in art work produced Patio Strings and various other art products of clay and other materials which were exhibited in November in the window of Mr. Phillips. The Christmas play which was produced in December was original and was written by Jean Carden. At the graduation exercises of the eighth grade on Tuesday evening, June 20, at Sargent Hall, Eleanor Brown received highest honors, Wilfred Soper, Jr., second highest, and Jean Manning third highest. Other honor ratings went to Harriet Child, Richard Harrison, and Benjamin Patten. Features of the graduation were a solo by John Mader and a little play by the graduates, "America the Free", depicting scenes in a country without a constitution. A list of the graduates will be found elsewhere. Data concerning the High School graduation which was held in Sargent Hall on Thursday evening, June 22, will be found in the report of Mr. MacKay, together with honors and other 1939 records. In addition to the fifteen graduates that comprised eleven girls and four boys, a post-graduate certificate was given to Mary Frances Whiting. During the year the high school had two N.Y.A. pupils. Among the many high school activities which characterized the year, the story of Young Lincoln, with the character part portrayed by Kenneth MacDonald, deserves mention. The play was given in Grange Hall on February 10 and repeated on February 23.

TRANSPORTATION

On the first of October, 124 of the 433 Merrimac school pupils

(or 28.6%) were transported regularly by the Massachusetts Northeastern Transportation Company. This included 29 of the 127 High School pupils, 20 of the 68 Prospect Street School pupils, 62 of the 220 Centre School pupils, and 13 of the 18 Port School pupils. From Birchmeadow there were 29, from Bear Hill and Lake Attitash 51, and from the Port 43, and one on tickets.

VOCATIONAL

During 1939 three Merrimac citizens have taken advantage for short periods of various sections of Chapter 74 of the General Laws pertaining to vocational education. In June one entered the Making Course of the Lynn Independent Industrial Shoemaking School, in November one entered the Machine Shop class of the Everett Evening School and another entered the Steam Engineering course at Lawrence Industrial School. These tuitions are sometimes considerable if the pupil stays and the course is long, but part of them is reimbursable. Some appropriation provision should be made in 1940 for vocational education. The 1939 cost was only $63.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent:

Number of school visits	345
Number of home visits	133
Number of children visited	261
Number of children examined	426
Number of children examined by Dr. Davis (annual physical examinations) nurse assisting	426
Number of children having defective teeth, 163, corrections	69
Number of children having defective posture	65
Number of defective hearts, (slight)	38
Number of children having defective vision 11, corrections	5

Accompanied five school pupils to Haverhill for glasses. These glasses were procured through the Red Cross fund.

Accompanied one pupil to the Amesbury Hospital, (fractured leg.)

On April 20 accompanied one pupil to Newburyport High School for X-ray. This was a follow-up clinic sponsored by Essex County T. B. Association.

Pupils at Centre and Junior High Schools were examined daily for symptoms of scarlet fever from February 3 to February 14, March 15 to March 22, also April 4 to April 20.

The pre-school clinics were held at Dr. Davis' office May 19 and 26. 23 children were examined.

On October 5 and 26, and November 16, clinics were held at Centre School to immunize children for the prevention of diphtheria. 25 children were given treatments. This treatment was given by Dr. Davis, Nurse assisting.

We also went to five homes to give toxoid to seven children.

On November 20, 86 children who had had toxoid in previous treatments, were given Schick tests to determine if immunity was negative. Readings were given November 24. Results, 13 positive and 73 negative tests.

Went to 8 homes for histories February 21 and 23 (school clinic records).

Miss Marion Grout, Health Educational Secretary of Essex County, visited and showed moving pictures on health, at Centre, Junior High and High Schools on January 9 and 12.

On July 1, accompanied one school pupil to Essex County Health Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN BADASHAW,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent of Schools,
Merrimac, Mass.

Dear Sir:

It is with special pleasure that I present this report of the Art work in the Merrimac Schools.

While there are some activities in this department that are distinctive, many of the principles can be taught while combining Art with almost any of the regular school subjects, and to the advantage of both. Sometimes a section may be particularly difficult for a class to understand, but may be made clear through drawing or construction. I think the Merrimac teachers use the Art work for this purpose.

In one such instance a series of friezes was planned illustrating a particular period in mediaeval history. Leaders were chosen for each frieze, each leader chose others who formed his group, until the whole class was included. The groups discussed the development of the pictures, while the leaders assigned various parts to their group members. Thus the friezes were developed and the history of this particular period was understood, became real, and was impressed upon the minds of the pupils.

Geography, health, citizenship and safety can very well be correlated with Art by means of friezes, individual posters, illustrated note books, "movies," toy theatres, sand tables, puppets and various methods of construction.

During the past year one subject has been developed in each grade with satisfactory results. In Grade I, Nursery Rhymes were the subject of posters. Each child made a drawing and one was mounted to display. In Grade II, The Experiences of Little Black Sambo were illustrated by a series of pictures, each child contributing something to the series. Grade III made a frieze of Winter Sports in the same way. Grade IV studying various countries in Geography, decided to make four friezes, two Eskimo, one Arab and one Indian. Each child contributed his drawings to these which created much interest and were an attractive decoration for the school room walls. The fifth grade made two friezes, Indians and Pilgrims, illustrating their history, while Grade VI, made four panels of history by the group method mentioned above. This group method, very effective above the fifth grade, develops leadership, dependability, initiative and much interest. In the Junior High School four panels were made of the Development of the United States, and in Grade VIII individual posters of interesting scenes in United States history were made.

At the High School the classes are as large as can be accommodated, including handicraft, fashion illustration, commercial art and mechanical drawing. I am pleased to show the work of these classes, from time to time at the Public Library. Drawings from the grades and Junior High School have also been shown there. Christmas work of Grade VII, gourd strings, and trays made of native clay, painted and shellacked, were displayed in the window of the Heath Insurance Company.

The lessons at the Industrial Arts School are whatever is most helpful. Some of their accomplishments are—enlarging by squaring, painting silhouettes on glass, lettering, and the use of the mechanical drawing board. Art can help greatly in this school, and the pupils have all shown great progress.

It has been a very satisfactory and interesting year and I deeply appreciate the co-operation of all teachers who made it so, as well as the encouragement and interest of the superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE A. KELLY,

Art Supervisor.

REPORT OF PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is a general report of the Prospect Street School.

On January 19, 1939, the Parent Teachers' Association held its meeting at the Prospect Street School. Mr. Herbert Cassilly, Probation Officer of Haverhill, spoke on the work of the Juvenile Court.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams enjoyed games with the Spalding School of Salisbury. These games were played at the Amesbury Junior High School gymnasium. Many inter-class games were played at the Town Hall, also.

A seventh grade Aeroplane Club was attempted with many plane models resulting.

The spring sports season was opened with the organizing of baseball teams for girls as well as for the boys. Games were played with nearby schools and with the High School teams.

The seventh grade went to Canobie Lake for a picnic as their Class Day outing.

A historical trip was made to Boston by the eighth grade. Places visited were: Bunker Hill, Charlestown Navy Yard, Aquarium, State House, Franklin Park, Harvard University, Boston Common, Museum of Fine Arts, Maparium in the Christian Science Publishing House, and Lexington and Concord. A local bus was used for transportation.

Twenty-four pupils were graduated in June. Exercises were held at Sargents' Hall.

Boys' basketball is being held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The boys are drilling with the hope that a strong team will result. Girls have access to the hall on Friday afternoons.

Christmas parties were enjoyed by seventh and eighth grade pupils. Each grade had its own tree and games.

On December 14, a Christmas play was presented by the pupils for the pleasure of the Parent Teachers' Association. The play was "Father Christmas and His Family."

A series of lectures is being given on Social Hygiene. Dr. McGillicuddy is speaking to the seventh and eighth grade boys while Dr. Mendenhall is lecturing to the girls. Both doctors are experienced speakers from the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene.

Ice and other winter sports activities have been planned by the eighth grade under the direction of President Frederick Noone.

It is hoped that an adequate heating system will be installed so that proper use can be made of a dark closet, which is located

in the basement. A Camera Club has been tentatively organized if satisfactory conditions can be provided.

The teachers of the Prospect Street School thank Dr. Page and the School Board for their consideration and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH V. MURRAY,

Principal.

GRADUATES OF EIGHTH GRADE, JUNE, 1939

Anna Gertrude Anderson, Shirley Ethel Bailey, *Eleanor Louise Brown, *Harriett Elizabeth Child, Barbara Jane Choquette, Norma Edith Crosby, *Jean Dorothy Manning, Barbara Eleanor Mears, Verna Jane Piper, Eleanor Madelyn Urquhart, Norman Charles Bishop, Paul George Denault, Elmer Thomas Grant, Jr., Gerald McLain Hargraves, *Richard Morse Harrison, James Munroe Hartwell, Chauncey Depew MacKay, Jr., John Frank Mader, John Miliotes, Jr., *Benjamin Louis Patten, Carmen Joseph Pesce, Jr., *Willis Alfred Soper, Jr., John Edward Starbird, Wilbur Eugene Wallace. Effective December 1939: Lucille Antoinette Bouffard, Catherine Dorothy Hutchins, Sybil Ruth Raymond, Anna Louise Smith, Alden Bertram Speed.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Doctor J. C. Page, Superintendent of Schools, and Members of the School Committee:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Merrimac High School for the year 1938–39.

Following is a table showing facts which may be most concisely presented in this form.

---

*Scholastic Honors.

Enrollment	*Gen.*	*Col. Prep.*	*Sc. Prep.*	*Norm.*	*Comm.*	*Total Girls*	*Total Boys*	*Students*
Seniors								
Girls.....	2	2	0	0	9	13		24
Boys.....	5	1	2	0	3		11	
Juniors								
Girls.....	1	0	0	5	9	15		
Boys.....	7	1	1	0	3		12	27
Sophomores								
Girls.....	4	3	0	3	12	22		
Boys.....	2	0	7	0	1		10	32
Freshmen								
Girls.....	5	0	0	3	14	22		
Boys.....	16	1	4	0	1		22	44
	42	8	14	11	52	72	55	127

There have been three outstanding and conspicuous reorganizations carried on in the high school during the past year. Most important is that of the reorganization of curricula, which to the writing of this report has reached an advanced stage.

Changes in society constantly going on, must be met by compensating changes in the schools in order that the schools may more efficiently meet the altered demands made on them. This is no new conception, and has been just as true in the past as it is today. The introduction of commercial subjects, domestic science, shop work, etc. was made largely because of their functional value, the practical use to which a high school graduate could put them. Methods of teaching these and other subjects, and the content or material to be taught have changed from year to year. Once Pitman Shorthand was taught, now Gregg is almost universally used and as a consequence has replaced the former. Likewise, methods of teaching subjects have been revised.

A concentrated study was made in all departments during the past year, to compare the curricula in the high school with present practices and trends. These were determined from various reports, surveys, studies, and books, written during the past

several years. At several teachers' meetings, summaries were read and discussed. Each teacher then made recommendations as to what changes should be made, if any, in the high school curricula in his or her department.

At the writing of this report, these recommendations have not yet been presented to the School Committee. This will be done. Recommendations which the School Committee sanction will be put into effect as soon as is practicable, probably over a period of two or three years. Similar study and reorganization must be made in any school which endeavors to keep abreast of the times.

A list of the names of some thirty clubs was distributed to the students in order to determine in which ones they were most interested. This survey was made in anticipation of a so-called Activity Period, during which time extra-curricular activities are carried on. The following activities were elected by the students: Dramatic Club, Glee Club, Home-planning Club, Rod and Gun Club, Shop Club, and Stamp Club. It is planned that these activities will meet once-a-week, and that all students and teachers will participate. Students may choose an activity concerning which they wish to learn more, or one in which they are well informed and wish to continue as a hobby. In this way, girls who have no opportunity to study meal planning or child care may learn something of these and of related activities in the Home-planning Club, while boys who have no knowledge of tools and their use may have the opportunity to learn more about them in the Shop Club.

The alphabetical arrangement of the names of students on the honor roll has been tried and will probably be adopted. Formerly the names were arranged according to percentages. Often a difference of only a few hundredths of a percent caused the name of one student to be placed ahead of another. The impossibility of accurately determining a student's average as close as this is well recognized by educators, consequently it seems fairer to arrange the names alphabetically, awarding High Honor to those obtaining an average of 90% or above, and Honor to those obtaining an average of 85% and up to but not including 90%.

The School Committee requested the writer of this report to make arrangements for a talk or talks on social hygiene for the students of the Prospect Street School and for the High School. The services of Doctors Mendenhall and McGillicuddy from the Massachusetts Society of Social Hygiene were obtained. They have each had years of experience in talking to boys and girls on this subject, and know the best approach to a subject which many parents may neglect in adequately informing their children. Dr. Mendenhall speaks to the girls, dividing the grades into seventh and eighth, ninth and tenth, eleventh and twelfth Dr. McGillicuddy speaks to the boys under a similar arrangement. Attendance by all students in those grades is compulsory unless the parent requests a student be excused. Up to the writing of this report, a splendid introductory talk has been given. The schedule includes further three-quarter-hour talks on January 12, 19, 26, and a Question and Answer Period on February 2. These talks are given free of charge except for travelling expenses.

For the first time, awards were given in each subject to the student obtaining the highest average, and to the student showing the greatest improvement for the year. These awards were given by the Hi-Y Club and consisted of a blue felt seal with white lettering for the highest average, and a white seal with blue lettering for the greatest improvement. Each award was accompanied by a suitable certificate, and they were distributed during an assembly in June. A list of these awards is appended to this report.

Soccer was introduced as a Fall sport for the boys. Most of the smaller high schools in this vicinity have adopted this sport, consequently there was sufficient competition for a complete schedule of games in an out-of-door sport which seldom results in serious injury to the players. The boys showed but little interest at the beginning of the season in this sport in which they knew little or nothing, but as the season progressed their enthusiasm for it increased. It is likely that it will be continued.

Acknowledgment is made to Mr. Irving Blake for the volume, "Journalism for High Schools," which he presented to the high school.

As a result of the American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest on the subject "What Adequate National Defense Means to American Youth," Catherine Clark won first prize in the local contest, Shirley Whiting, second prize, and Charlotte Sande, third prize. Catherine Clark also won the County contest. Stanley Whiting was awarded a one-year subscription to the Reader's Digest by the publishers of that periodical, as he was valedictorian of his class. Arthur Lockwood, Jr. won the essay contest for his essay on "What the Holyoke Conference Meant to Me," sponsored by the Essex County Committee for boys in Essex County who attended the Hi-Y Conference at Holyoke, Mass. Alan Remick was elected secretary of the Eighteenth Annual Essex County Older Boys' Conference, held April 1, at Hathorne, Massachusetts. Shirley Whiting won the five dollars awarded for the highest average in English for the school year, given by the Merrimac Womens' Club. Armond Vallieres won the bronze medal given by Jostens, for the best essay in the high school on "Art in My Community."

It is impossible to more than mention in passing the dozens of social and atheletic activities sponsored by the high school. The Father and Son Banquet sponsored by the Hi-Y Club was enthusiastically received. The English Club, Inter-class basketball games, dances after basketball games, the Senior Play "Robinson Crusoe," The Athletic Association Play "Young Lincoln," sponsored by the English Club, the baseball season, the Hi-Y Conference at Worcester, Mass., attended by twelve boys, Class dances, special assemblies, speakers, all contribute to a well rounded social life for young people of the high school age.

There were fifteen in the graduating class. The class parts were awarded as follows: Valedictory—Stanley Elwin Whiting, Salutatory—Elaine Patricia Noone, Class History—Gladys Alberta Bowser, Class Will—Helena Beatrice MacDougall, Class Prophecy—Olive Elizabeth Sullivan, Class Gifts—Thelma Lillian Clark, Class Poem—Anna Elizabeth Sargent.

Appended to this report are the following: Class 1939; Special Awards; Honor Roll; Girls Awarded Letters in Basketball; Boys Awarded Letters in Basketball; Boys Awarded Letters in Baseball; Students Awarded Journal Pins; Awards for Highest

Average, and Greatest Improvement, for Each Subject; and Perfect Attendance.

I express my appreciation to Dr. Page and to the School Committee for their continued support and interest.

Respectfully yours,

C. D. MacKAY,

Principal.

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL

Class 1939

Name	*Course*
Gladys Alberta Bowser	General
Wallace Spoffard Carter Jr.	General
Thelma Lillian Clark	Commercial
Harrison Stuart DeLong	Commercial
Isabelle Elsie Heath	Commercial
Marjorie Illsley How	Commercial
Helena Beatrice MacDougall	Commercial
Catherine Martha McMaster	Commercial
Elaine Patricia Noone	General
J. Arthur Ollis Jr.	General
Elsa Charlotte Sande	Commercial
Anna Elizabeth Sargent	General
Olive Elizabeth Sullivan	College Preparatory
Stanley Elwin Whiting	Scientific Preparatory
Florence Edith Worcester	Commercial

Special Awards

Balfour Award (for scholarship, loyalty and achievement) Stanley Elwin Whiting.

Washington & Franklin Medal (for excellence in the study of United States History) Helena Beatrice MacDougall.

D.A.R. Good Citizenship Medal—Elsa Charlotte Sande.

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL

Honor Roll
1938–39

High Honors

(Names alphabetically arranged)

Buzzell, Winifred; Clark, Catherine; Lowd, Hilda; Piper, Clinton; Vallieres, Armand; Whiting, Natalie; Whiting, Shirley; Wilde, Marcia.

Honors

(Names alphabetically arranged)

Connor, Judith; Crosby, Alice; DeLong, Eleanor; Flynn, Dorothy; Franklin, Ruth; MacDougall, Helena; Manning, Reed; McMahon, John; Savoy, Marjorie; Sullivan, Barbara; Sullivan, Olive; Whiting, Mary; Whiting, Stanley; York, Marjorie.

Girls Awarded Letters in Basketball

Eleanor Chase, *Captain*
Elaine Noone, *Manager*
Olive Sullivan
Anna Sargent
Barbara Sullivan
Marcia Wilde
Sadie Benjamin
Helen Tammik
Frances Weeks
Priscilla Choquette

Boys Awarded Letters in Basketball

James Hume, *Captain*
Arnold Connor, *Manager*
Stanley Whiting
Arthur Ollis
Thomas Lally
Wallace Carter
Howard Lafaver

Boys Awarded Letters in Baseball

Stanley Whiting, *Captain*
Wentworth Clark, *Manager*
Wallace Carter
Arthur Ollis
Howard Lafaver
George Stevens
Forrest Lavalley
Dudley Ellenwood
Leslie Flato

The following were awarded Journal Pins in recognition of faithful service on the Journal Staff during 1938–39.

Armand Vallieres
Stanley Whiting
Shirley Whiting
Charlotte Sande
Catherine Clark
Forrest Lavalley
Barbara Sullivan
Phyllis Foisy
Helen Tammik
Elaine Noone
Arthur Ollis
Catherine McMasters
Kenneth MacDonald
Alan Remick
Patricia Doyle
Anna Sargent
Olive Sullivan
Reed Manning
Helena MacDougall
Marjorie How
Arnold Connor

The following students were awarded, for the highest average in each subject, a blue, felt high school Seal with white lettering; and for the greatest improvement, a white felt seal with blue lettering. A certificate suitable for framing accompanied each award. These awards were sponsored by the Hi-Y Club.

Subject	*Highest Average for Year*	*Greatest Improvement*
Typewriting I	Shirley Whiting	Raymond Anderson
Typewriting II	Robert Streeter	Ruth Donahue
Typewriting III	Helena MacDougall	Harrison DeLong
Stenography I	Elaine Noone	Robert Streeter
Stenography II	Gladys Bowser	Marjorie How
Bookkeeping I	Dorothy Flynn	
Bookkeeping II	Anna Sargent	
Solid Geometry	Armand Vallieres	Wallace Carter
Trigonometry	Armand Vallieres	Howard Lafaver
Chemistry	Armand Vallieres	Olive Sullivan
Algebra	Hilda Lowd	James Mader
Geometry	Clinton Piper	
American History	Armand Vallieres	Robert MacDougall
Modern History	Raymond Anderson	Raymond Anderson
Ancient History	Marcia Wilde	Carleton Emery
Introductory Business	Eleanor DeLong	John Hutchins
English I	Hilda Lowd	Perley Hargraves
English II	Clinton Piper	Raymond Anderson
English III	Shirley Whiting	Clifford Wallace
English IV	Helena MacDougall	
Biology	Marjorie Savoy	Almeda Chase
General Science	Perley Hargraves	Clayton Metcalf
French I	Armand Vallieres	Ruth Clark

Subject	*Highest Average for Year*	*Greatest Improvement*
French II	Catherine Clark	Charlotte MacDougall
Latin I	Hilda Lowd	Virginia Peaslee

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL
for 1938–39

Perfect Attendance

Busch, Leo; Vallieres, Armond; Wallace, Clifford; Piper, Clinton; Bailey, Elmer; Hargraves, Perley Jr.; Heath, Russell; Clark, Ruth; Crosby, Alice; Franklin, Ruth; O'Keefe, Elsie.

ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL, 1939

Not absent for FIVE years, September 1934 to June 1339:

Frederick Noone.

Not absent for FOUR years, September 1935 to June 1939:

Jean Manning, Elsie O'Keefe, Harold Wallace.

Not absent for THREE years, September 1936 to June 1939:

Leo Busch, Elmer Bailey, Ruth Clark, Alice Crosby, Ruth Franklin, Clifford Wallace.

Not absent for ONE year, September 1938 to June 1939:

High School:—Elmer Bailey, Leo Busch, Ruth Clark, Alice Crosby, Ruth Franklin, Perley Hargraves, Jr., Russell Heath, Elsie O'Keefe, Clinton Piper, Armond Vallieres, Clifford Wallace.

Prospect Street School—Shirley Breed, Loretta Clark, John Mader, Jean Manning, Frederick Noone, Alden Speed.

Centre School—Grade 6—Fred Anderson; Grade 5—Thomas McKenna; Grade 4—George Buzzell; Grade 3—Roland Bisson, Eleanor Craig; Grade 2—Arthur Bisson, Manford Palmer; Grade 1—none.

Merrimacport School—Harold Wallace.

1939 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Regular school appropriation		$28,250.00
Refunded dog tax		147.50
Total available for schools		$28,397.50
Total expenditures		28,397.01
Balance		$0.49
Reimbursements:		
Superintendent of Schools	$483.34	
Gen. School Fund, Part I	4,825.00	
Gen. School Fund, Part II	3,841.47	
Tuition & Transp. State Wards	135.54	
Tuition local schools	180.00	
Total	$9,465.35	
Total expenditures		$28,397.01
Total reimbursements		9,465.35
Total expended from local taxation in 1939		$18,931.66

Summary of Expenses

General Control:		
School committee expenses	$34.94	
Supt. School's salary	850.00	
Secretary's salary	262.50	
Office supplies and travel expense	224.97	
Law enforcement	140.75	
		$1,513.16
Cost of Instruction:		
Teachers' salaries	$17,570.00	
Substitutes	73.50	
Supervisors' salaries	800.00	
Text books	605.10	
Supplies	941.91	
		$19,990.51

Cost of Operation:

Janitors' salaries	$1,550.00	
Fuel	1,743.43	
Janitors' supplies	187.32	
		$3,480.75
Repairs		958.76
Health		325.68
Transportation		2,037.50
Equipment		36.75
Miscellaneous		53.90
Total		$28,397.01

1940 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

General Control:

School committee expenses	$25.00	
Supt. Schools' salary	850.00	
Secretary's salary	262.50	
Office supplies and travel expenses	225.00	
Law enforcement	90.00	
		$1,452.50

Cost of Instruction:

Teachers' salaries	$17,780.00	
Substitutes	150.00	
Supervisors' salaries	800.00	
Text books	750.00	
Supplies	975.00	
		$20,455.00

Cost of Operation:

Janitors' salaries	$1,550.00	
Fuel	1,500.00	
Jan. supplies, cleaning, etc	200.00	
		$3,250.00
Repairs		900.00
Health		325.00

Transportation		$2,030.00
Equipment		37.50
Miscellaneous		50.00
Total		$28,500.00

Estimated 1940 *Reimbursements:*

Supt. Schools	$483.33	
Gen. School Fund, Part I	4,975.00	
Gen. School Fund, Part II	3,693.77	
Tuition local schools	90.00	
Total	$9,242.10	
Total estimated expenses for 1940		$28,500.00
Total estimated reimbursement for 1940		9,242.10
Estimated total from local taxation in 1940		$19,257.90

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Appropriations Made 1939 16
Fire Alarm 24
Jury List 27
Receipts—General Revenue 51
Town Officers 3
Town Warrant 93

Reports of—
- Assessors 28
- Board of Public Welfare 9
- Bureau of Old Age Assistance 11
- Cemetery Trustees 26
- Dog Officer 44
- Finance Committee 99
- Fire Engineers 23
- Inspector of Wires 50
- Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering 36
- Municipal Light Board 39
- Playground Commissioners 45
- Police Department 18
- Public Health Nurse 25
- Public Library 48
- Relief Projects Co-Ordinator 12
- School Committee 105
- Sealer of Weights and Measures 21
- Selectmen 7
- Tax Collector 30
- Town Accountant 50
- Town Clerk 37
- Town Forest 46
- Town Treasurer 39
- Trustees of Kimball Park 47
- Water Commissioners 42

In Memoriam 15
Vote for Town Officers March 7, 1939 102